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1976 Annual Reports

Town and School Districts

ANNUAL REPORTS
of the
Town Officers
of
Amherst, N. H.
for the

Year Ending December 31, 1976

Also
Officers of School District
Year Ending June 30, 1976

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IN MEMORIAM

It is with deep sadness that we note the passing of citizens who served the Town well and faithfully.

MARC deFERRANTI

Chairman of the Industrial Water Committee

JOHN MANNING

Trustee of the Library

EDWARD MARCHILDON

Superintendent of the Amherst Village District

Trustee of the Cemeteries

Member of the Fire Department

FRANK RICHARDSON

Chief of the Fire Department 1954-1955

WALTER RYAN

Member of the Fire Department

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Dedication



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The Town in appreciation of more than 50 years of service to the Citizens of Amherst, dedicates this 1976 Town Report to Orson Bragdon. Mr. Bragdon came to Amherst as a school boy in 1914 when his father purchased the farm near the Bedford line. He and Mrs. Bragdon have raised six children, two of whom still live with their families on the farm which is an operating dairy facility.

For 63 years Orson has been an active citizen serving 10 terms (20 years) in the General Court as the representative from Amherst and 34 years as Town Auditor. The Town takes this opportunity to express its appreciation for these years of devoted service.

Town Officers

Population in June, 1976 — 7,690

Moderator

M. A. Wight, Jr.

Selectmen

Francis N. Perry, Chairman, 1977

Edward C. Masten, 1978

Robert G. Lown, 1977

Ann D. Snow, 1979

Thomas G. Grella, 1979

Barbara H. Landry, Sec.

Town Clerk

Bernice G. Boothroyd

Tax Collector

Barbara H. Landry

Treasurer

Marion M. Sortevik

Town Council

William R. Drescher

Health Officer

Dr. James C. Starke

Welfare Officer

Edward C. Masten

Zoning Administrator

Robert J. Barton

Building Inspector

Russell Abbate

Road Agent

Richard G. Crocker

Police Chief

John T. Osborn, Jr.

Fire Chief

Marshall D. Strickland

Fire Wards

Marshall D. Strickland

David Herlihy

Richard G. Crocker

Auditors

Orson Bragdon

Maurice R. Martel

Custodian of Town Buildings

Ernest Law

Supervisors of the Checklists

Audrey Spalding, 1980 Bert McGill, 1982 Robert Wishart, 1978

Rescue Squad

Richard Kelley, Director 1980
Roy E. Maston, Resigned

Civil Preparedness

Roy E. Maston, Director
Harding C. Sortevik, Deputy Director

Trustee of Trust Funds

David T. Ramsay, 1977
George W. Brown, 1978
Raymond Woolson, 1977

Cemetery Trustees

David T. Ramsay
Harold Nazro
Edward C. Masten
Edward Marchildon, Deceased

Library Trustees

Lucy Ramsay, 1977
Constance Woolford, 1977
E. Daniel Johnson, 1978
W. Ryland Cox, 1978
Elizabeth Lyle, 1979
Janice Shethar, 1979

Planning Board

Scott Sutherland, Chairman, 1980
James Shildneck, 1977
Robert Suomala, 1978
Herbert Kopf, 1981
Robert Crouter, 1981
Roger Smith, 1979
Douglas Kirkwood, Alternate
Frederick Porter, Alternate
Ann D. Snow, ex-officio

Board of Adjustment

Arnold Dickinson, Chairman, 1977
Roger M. Brown, 1978
Rosemary Daly, 1981
Thomas Carson, 1979
Russell Steeves, 1980

Road Commissioners

Harold Warner, 1978
Everett Leach, 1979
Meric Arnold, 1977

Nashua Regional Planning Commission

Judy Hordon, 1977
Martin Michaelis, 1978

Conservation Commission

Charles Tiedeman, 1977
Elizabeth Barrett, 1978
William Goodwill, 1977
Michael Grubb, 1978
Wallace Warren, 1977
William Weatherbee, 1979
Alice E. Arnold, 1979

Historic District Commission

Anna M. Jones, 1977
George W. Brown, 1979 Chairman
Robert Crouter, 1978
Thomas Grella, ex-officio
Barbara Berlack, 1978

Recreation Commission

Bruce Fraser, Chairman, 1977

Clark Stewart, 1977

Susan Kierstead, 1979

Mary Sparks, 1978

Carl Wheeler, 1978

Tree Committee

Norman J. Marsh, 1977 Resigned

Joseph Luongo, 1978

Ann C. Hines, 1979

Independence Day Committee

Amherst Jay Cees

Orson Bragdon

Amherst Lions Club

Raymond Morin

Ann Bergin

George W. Brown

Barbara Perry

Memorial Day Committee

Frederick Simmons, Chairman

William Hopkins

Kathleen Magill

Peter Bergin

Ways and Means Committee

Joseph Hoag, Chairman

Dorothy Carlsmith, Resigned

Susan Monson

Richard Infantine

Robert Slick

John Freeman

John Mendolusky

Jean Lyon

Representatives to the General Court

M. A. Wight, Jr.

Joanne Head

Josephine Martin

Member of the State Senate

Alan Rock

Town Government Study Committee

Burton Knight, 1977

Ingrid Michaelis, 1978

Evelyn Dudley, 1977, Chairman

Paul Savage, 1979

J. Merrill Hines, Resigned

Donald Davis, 1978

Amherst Bicentennial Committee

Thomas Grella, Chairman

Theresa Greenblatt

Mary Steeves, Secretary

Town Warrant

The State of New Hampshire

Polls will be opened from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Voting on Articles 1 thru 4 will be at the polls.

Remaining articles will be considered at the meeting
held at 8:00 p.m.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Amherst in the County
of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town
Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Wilkins School on
Tuesday, the 8th day of March, next at 7 of the clock in
the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1.

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing
terms.

Article 2.

To see if the Town will vote to make the following
changes in the Zoning Map and the Zoning Ordinance of
the Town of Amherst:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

To see if the town will vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance by
making the following changes:

To delete Article VI, Section 6-2 in its entirety and substitute
therefore the following:

SECTION 6-2 PERMITS

Building Permits; Certificates of Occupancy;

Use Permits

Earth Material Removal Permits

A. Building Permits:

No building or structure shall hereafter be erected or structurally
altered until a building permit shall be issued by the Selectmen or
their authorized Agents, the Building Inspector or Zoning Adminis-
trator stating that the building or structure, and use of land comply
with the regulations of this ordinance and all applicable building
and health laws and ordinances.

B. Certificate of Occupancy:

No building or structure hereafter erected or structurally altered shall be occupied or used until a Certificate of Occupancy has been issued by the Selectmen, or their authorized Agents, the Building Inspector or Zoning Administrator. The Certificate of Occupancy shall be issued only after the Building Inspector or Zoning Administrator makes a finding that the building or structure has been erected or structurally altered in conformance with the provisions of this ordinance and other health and building laws and in accordance with the building permit.

C. Use Permit:

No change shall be made in the use of a building or part thereof now or hereafter erected or structurally altered, or in the use of land now or hereafter occupied, nor shall any use of a building or land be undertaken, without a use permit having first been issued by the Selectmen, or their authorized Agents, the Building Inspector or Zoning Administrator. No such use permit shall be issued to make such change or undertake such use unless it is in conformity with the provisions of this ordinance or amendments thereto hereafter duly enacted.

D. Earth Material Removal:

No earth material as defined in Section 3-8 hereof shall be removed unless a permit has been applied for and obtained in a fashion consistent with the provisions of Section 3-8 hereof.

E.

The Board of Selectmen, or the Administrative Official, may require of any applicant for a permit such sketches, drawings, plot plans, or other material as are deemed necessary by the Board of Selectmen, or the Administrative Official, to make a decision as to compliance with the provisions of this ordinance.

F.

If an applicant requests a permit to undertake an activity on a lot not conforming in size and frontage as otherwise required by this ordinance, and is making application under Article IV, Section 4-2 of this ordinance, such applicant shall file as part of his application, the date of the recording and the Register of Deeds reference number of the recording of the non-conforming lot.

G.

The Administrative Official shall be a salaried employee of the Town and shall be paid a salary as determined by the Selectmen and approved by the Town as part of the annual budget.

H.

All permits issued under the provisions of this ordinance shall expire and become invalid two years from the date of issuance of the permit.

I.

1. Upon receipt of the application for a permit with sufficient

information to clearly establish the nature and extent of the proposed activity, the Administrative Official shall determine whether the proposed activity or use constitutes a permitted use within the provisions of this ordinance or whether a special exception, or a variance is required.

2. If the proposed use requires a special exception or a variance, the Administrative Official shall refer the application for permit to the Board of Adjustment for action.

3. If the proposed use or activity is within the provisions of this ordinance, the Administrative Official shall post a notice in two public places in the Town of Amherst, one of which shall be at the Town Hall and no permit shall be issued until said notice has been posted for a period of seven days. If during that period the Administrative Official received no objection to the issuance of the requested permit, he shall thereafter issue the permit. If during that period the Administrative Official received objection to the issuance of the requested permit, he may issue the permit, refer the application to the Board of Adjustment for action, or deny the permit. Provided, however, that if the application is for a building permit to erect a new single family dwelling unit then Section 3-13 of this ordinance must be complied with in addition to the foregoing and no permit shall be issued except in accordance with said Section 3-13.

To add the following Section 3-13 in its entirety:

**Apportionment of Building Permits for New Construction
of Single Family Dwelling Units
Planned Growth for Amherst**

Introduction:

The Amherst Master Plan sets forth goals and purposes which focus on maintaining the open rural character of the Town while encouraging diversity in the age, social, and economic makeup of the population. These goals can only be accomplished at a rate of growth which is economically sound in terms of additional costs to the Town for services such as new schools, new roads, added police and fire protection, etc.

Purpose:

The Town of Amherst is under severe pressure to grow. The population doubled from 2000 to 4000 between 1960 and 1969. The population has almost doubled again to about 7700 in 1976. Because many new families have school age children, the growth pattern has placed a disproportionate burden on Town finances to provide new school facilities at a timely rate. The Master Plan calls for increased housing opportunities for a variety of types of people, including smaller family groups, especially younger and older couples with fewer school age children. The Plan also calls for the encouragement of light industry in the industrial zone to share the tax burden with homeowners. It will take several years to see positive results in these two areas. Meanwhile, the number of new Residential Dwelling Units must be apportioned at a reasonable rate which the

Town can afford in terms of added schools and other services. A total of 663 building permits were issued for single family dwellings from January 1, 1970 through December 31, 1975, or an average of 110 permits per year for the six year period. Taking this historical rate of growth as reasonable, in that it did impose a severe but not impossible tax burden on the Town, it is planned to issue a maximum of 330 building permits during the next three year period. Of this total, 118 permits are capable of being issued to lots which are exempt from control under R.S.A. 36:24A. This leaves a balance of 212 permits available for non-exempt lots. In order to administer this program on a monthly basis, 6 permits per month will be issued for a total of 216 for the three years, or 72 per year.

Implementation:

The following zoning regulation has as its purpose the promotion of the general welfare of the community by directly limiting the rate of residential building to a level that is reasonable, so that planning for town services such as schools, roads, police, etc., may be done in an orderly and timely fashion and in order that implementation of this planning will not result in an undue financial burden to the Town.

Building permits for new single family dwelling units will be awarded on a point system described below. In case of ties, the earlier date of application prevails. Building permits will be tallied and posted on the first working day of each month for the preceding month's applications. If less than 6 permits are issued in any month, the remainder shall be carried over to succeeding months. An application for a building permit which fails to reach the top six when first submitted may be resubmitted to compete in subsequent months. In any event, no more than 72 building permits for single family dwellings will be issued in any year exclusive of exempt lots as aforementioned. If fewer than 72 non-exempt permits are issued in one year, the remainder will not be carried forward into the following year. For the purpose of this Section the word "Year" shall be that period from April 1 of any year to March 31 of the succeeding year.

1. Applications shall be reviewed by the Zoning Administrator who shall compute a point score for each application according to the following:

(a) Number of acres or major fraction thereof in lot in excess of the minimum acreage provided in the district for a houselot X 1 = Point Score

Number of acres or major fraction thereof in lot under current use taxation X 0.5 = Point Score

Number of acres or major fraction thereof in lot protected by permanent, irrevocable conservation easements which have been accepted by the Conservation Commission and Board of Selectmen X 3.0 = Point Score

In the case of open space development the
 "net tract area" within the subdivision X 1.5 = Point Score

Number of
 building
 lots.

(b) Number of years taxes paid on subject
 property by applicant X 2.0 = Point Score
Score

(c) Soils limitation per USDA Soil Con-
 servation Services Classifications for soil type
 constituting the largest portion of building lot.

Limitations	Points
Slight	20
Moderate	10
Severe	0

Score

(d) Location of dwelling by zone:	Points
Residential	14
Rural	9
Northern Rural	4
Other	0

Score

(e) Roads:

The following roads shall be deemed
 access roads for the purposes of this section:

Boston Post Road
 Route 122
 Route 101 (Horace Greeley Highway)
 Route 101-A
 Route 13

	Points
Frontage paved public way	25
Frontage unpaved public way	20

Less 1 point for each 1000 feet or major
 portion thereof from the nearest access road as
 defined above measured over paved roads and
 less 2 points for each 1000 feet or major portion
 thereof over unpaved roads as aforesaid.

Minimum Score Hereunder 0

2. After computing point scores for non-exempt permit appli-
 cations the zoning administrator shall rank the applications by point
 score and post building permits for the six highest scoring applica-
 tions. If less than 6 non-exempt permits are issued in any one month
 the balance shall be carried over until the succeeding month. Un-
 successful applicants shall have the right to reapply in succeeding
 months. There shall be issued to any applicant no more than ten (10)
 total building permits in any given year as defined in this ordinance.
 In determining the priority for the issuance of building permits
 pursuant hereto, the zoning administrator shall first compute the

scores as aforesaid for all proposed new single family dwelling units the total living space of which would not exceed 1500 square feet and shall issue the first building permit available in any given month to the highest scoring of such applicants. The balance of such permits shall be added to and considered together with the total number of other applicants.

3. Building permits issued hereunder shall be transferable and shall apply to a specific project and location only. Work proposed shall commence within one year of the date of issuance. The permit will expire on the second anniversary of issuance.

4. This section of the zoning ordinance shall be reviewed by the Planning Board at least every three (3) years and sooner, if necessary, in order that said Planning Board may determine whether the priorities manifested by the criteria established hereunder and the rate of growth permitted by the building permit number limitation are consistent with conditions then existing in light of the Master Plan for the Town. This section of the ordinance shall terminate three (3) years from its effective date unless continued in effect or modified by a vote of the Town.

Ballot Question to read:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To clarify when and what type of permits are required for various situations and to limit the number of building permits that will be issued during any one year for new single family dwelling units.

YES ☐

NO ☐

AMENDMENT NO. 2

SIGNS

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 3-4, Section B, so that said article reads as follows:

B. "In the RU and NR Districts lot signs shall be permitted not to exceed twelve square feet in area on any one lot and the height of which shall not exceed nine feet from the ground level to the top of the sign. Two signs not less than one hundred (100) feet apart if they front on the same side of the highway may be permitted provided that the total aggregate area of both signs shall not exceed twelve square feet."

To add the letter "T" to Article 3-4, Section C, so that the provisions thereof apply to the "T" or Transition District.

Ballot Question to read:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board of the Town of Amherst for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To provide sign regulations for the Northern Rural and Transition District.

YES ☐

NO ☐

AMENDMENT NO. 3
101-A INDUSTRIAL

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map as follows:

A. To amend the Zoning Map of the Town of Amherst in the vicinity of Route 101-A as follows:

1. To establish the following described area as a "Commercial District":

The area currently designated as "Industrial" on the South side of Route 101-A between the Milford Town Line on the West and the "Commercial" area at the intersection of Routes 122 and 101-A on the East.

2. To amend the district boundaries of the area currently designated as "Industrial" on the north side of Route 101-A in the vicinity of and across said Route 101-A from Mother Gardner's Crossing, so that said district will be divided into a "Commercial" district, an "Industrial" district and a "Residential" district as follows:

That portion of said district consisting of Lots 88, 89-1 and 89-2 on Property Map No. 2 changed to "Commercial."

Only that portion of said district consisting of a portion of Lot 86 on Tax Map No. 2 retained as "Industrial."

The remainder of said district to be changed to "Residential District."

3. To amend the district boundaries of the area currently designated as "Transition" on the north side of Route 101-A, the east boundary of which is 1500' west of and across Route 101-A from North Hollis Road so that said district will be divided into an "Industrial" district, a "Residential" district and a "Commercial" district as follows:

That portion of said district consisting of Lots 79, a portion of Lot 80, 80-1, 83 and a portion of Lot 86 at the western end of said district to be changed to "Industrial."

That portion of said district consisting of Lots 70, 72-9 to 72-20 inclusive, 75, 76 and 78 to be changed to "Residential."

The remainder of said district to become "Commercial."

4. To amend the district boundaries of the areas currently designated "Transition" and "Commercial" respectively on the south side of Route 101-A extending from 1500' west of North Hollis Road approximately to Mother Gardner's Crossing on the west so that both of said areas will be changed to "Industrial."

B. To amend Article IV of the Zoning Ordinance by deleting in its entirety Section 4-7 Commercial District and substituting therefor the following:

Section 4-7 Commercial District ("C" District)

A. General Purpose

To provide commercial areas to serve major commercial and business needs of the general public.

B. Permitted Uses

- (1) All uses permitted in the Limited Commercial District.
- (2) Additional uses which include but are not limited to the following:
 - a. Retail establishments for the sale of general merchandise, appliances or automotive supplies or for the sale, repair, and maintenance of automobiles.
 - b. Hotels and motels.
 - c. Department stores and supermarkets.
 - d. Public utility building, structure or facility.

C. Area and Frontage Requirements

- (1) The minimum lot area for any permitted use shall be one (1) acre except for a residential use which shall be two (2) acres.
- (2) Each lot shall have a minimum frontage of two hundred (200) feet on the principal route of access to the lot.

D. Yard and Building Requirements

1. Each structure shall be set back at least one hundred (100) feet and all parking areas shall be set back at least fifty (50) feet from the edge of the highway right-of-way; a landscaped area sufficient to maintain a permanent natural vegetation buffer shall exist between the highway and improved areas along it.

No existing building, structure, or parking area may be expanded or enlarged within these setbacks.

(2) Each structure shall also be set back thirty (30) feet from side and rear lot lines or sixty (60) feet from side lot lines constituting streets where the lot is a corner lot.

(3) Any lot bordering a residential zone or an existing residential use shall have a landscape buffer between any buildings and such residential zone or use.

(4) No building shall be constructed to a height greater than two and one-half (2½) stories or thirty-five (35) feet (whichever is lesser) exclusive of stacks, towers, etc.

(5) The floor area ratio shall be a maximum of 0.4 for one story buildings and 0.7 for two story buildings.

(6) A minimum of thirty (30) per cent of the area of any lot shall remain landscaped open space and not be utilized for construction (including parking).

(7) There shall be no more than one access to any lot wherever desirable for traffic safety and consideration shall be given to combining access points where two or more lots are being concurrently developed.

(8) All storage and/or equipment parking areas shall be fenced, screened, landscaped, or otherwise protected from view.

C. To amend Article II of the Zoning Ordinance by deleting "T Transition District".

D. To amend Article IV, Section 4-9, Industrial District as follows:

(1) Delete Section 4-9 (A) (8) and substitute therefor the following:

(8) Corporate and business offices compatible with other permitted uses in the district.

(9) Wholesale business and storage.

(10) Storage yards (but not junk yards).

(11) All uses permitted in the Limited Commercial District except residential.

(12) Additional uses which include but are not limited to the following:

a. retail establishments for the sale of general merchandise, appliances or automotive supplies or for the sale, repair, and maintenance of automobiles;

b. hotels and motels;

c. department stores and supermarkets;

d. public utility building, structure or facility.

(2) To amend paragraph C as follows:

(C) Area and Frontage Requirements:

(1) The minimum lot area for any permitted use enumerated in paragraph A subsections 1 through 10 (inclusive) shall be one acre and for any permitted use enumerated in subsection 11 and 12 of said paragraph A shall be 3 acres.

(2) Each lot shall have a minimum frontage of:

(a) 200 feet on the principal route of access to the lot if the use is one enumerated in paragraph A, subsections 1 through 10 (inclusive).

(b) If the use is one enumerated in paragraph A, subsections 11 or 12 then minimum frontage shall be either

(1) 500 feet along Route 101-A; or

(2) If a corner lot, 400 feet along Route 101-A plus 200 feet on the side road that leads to 101-A.

(3) Amend Paragraph "D-1" by adding the following:

". . . All building and parking areas shall be set back at least one hundred fifty (150) feet from the edge of the Route 101-A right-of-way; this one hundred fifty (150) feet to be landscaped sufficiently to maintain a permanent natural vegetation buffer between the highway and the buildings and parking areas along it. No existing building, structure or parking area may be expanded or enlarged within this one hundred fifty (150) foot area.

(4) Amend Paragraph "D-6" to read as follows:

As to lots with uses as specified in Paragraph A, subsections 1 through 10 (inclusive). There shall be no more than one access to any lot and consideration shall be given to combining access points where two or more lots are being concurrently developed.

As to lots with uses as specified in Paragraph A, subsections 11 and 12. There shall be no more than one combined entry-exit along Route 101-A except that:

a. if there is access to a side road in addition to Route 101-A there may be only a single entry point off Route 101-A and all exiting must be onto the side road;

b. if there is no access to a side road and frontage along Route 101-A exceeds 600 feet a second entry point of access may be permitted if desirable to facilitate safe traffic flow.

(5) Add new paragraph "E" as follows:

Access to any lot with frontage on Route 101-A shall be by such other streets as are available and not by Route 101-A unless no other access is available.

Ballot Question to read:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To change certain areas along Route 101-A to "Commercial District", "Industrial District" and "Residential District" as shown on the posted map and to provide new district regulations for the "Commercial District" and "Industrial District"?

YES ☐

NO ☐

AMENDMENT NO. 4

RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT HOME OCCUPATION

To see if the Town will vote to amend the definition of "Home Occupation" by adding to the current definition of "Home Occupation" contained in Article IX the following:

Residential District Home Occupation

Any use conducted entirely within a dwelling and carried on only by the occupants thereof, which use is clearly incidental and secondary to the use of the dwelling for dwelling purposes and does not change the residential character thereof, and in connection with which there is no display, no sign, no outside storage of equipment, machinery or materials, no commodity sold, or offered for sale upon the premises and no outside persons are engaged in such home occupation. A home occupation shall occupy no more than ten (10%) percent of the gross floor area of the dwelling or one single room whichever is greater (inclusive of storage space).

Amend Article V — Section 5-4 (G) so that it reads as follows:

G. Residential District Home Occupation 3-4-75 — provided there be no alteration in the building involved which affects the exterior appearance.

Ballot Question to read:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board of the Town for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To add a new definition describing a Residential District Home Occupation?

YES ☐

NO ☐

AMENDMENT NO. 5

WATERSHED PROTECTION AREA

To see if the Town will vote to enlarge the effective area designated as "Watershed Protection Area" by adding to the second paragraph of Article 3-12, Section B, the following language:

". . . and all land within fifty (50) feet of the Wetland Conservation District and all land within the Floodplain Conservation District."

And to see if the Town will vote to amend Section C of said Article 3-12 so that the same reads as follows:

"No septic system shall be constructed within the Watershed Protection Area and no structure shall be constructed within the Watershed Protection Area except for structures which are normally associated with use in or near water or relate to transportation over water. Structures that are permitted under this ordinance shall include, among other things, wharves, boat houses, and bridges."

Ballot Question to read:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board of the Town for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To enlarge the "Watershed Protection Area" by adding thereto all land within 50 feet of the "Wetland Conservation District" and all land within the "Floodplain Conservation District" and also to allow the erection of certain appropriate structures within the "Watershed Protection Area."

YES ☐

NO ☐

AMENDMENT NO. 6 (BY PETITION)

SIGNS

Ballot Question to read:

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by petition of the voters for this Town as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 3-4, (D) (6) by deleting Sections 3-4 (D) (6) and by substituting a new section as follows:

No sign which offers property for sale or for rent, or which indicates that property has been sold may remain on the property and visible following forty-eight (48) hours after the closing has occurred or rental occupancy has begun.

YES ☐

NO ☐

**AMENDMENT NO. 7 (BY PETITION)
COMMERCIAL DISTRICT**

Ballot Question to read:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by petition of the Voters for this Town as follows:

To amend the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Amherst and the Zoning Map incorporated therein by reference, to change the area designated on Property Map No. 6 as 57-1 from "Rural" to "Commercial" District as defined in said Zoning Ordinance.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 3. (By Petition)

Are you in favor of changing the term of the Town Clerk from one year to three years, beginning with the term of the Town Clerk to be elected at the next year's regular Town Meeting?

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 4.

Are you in favor, per RSA 41:25, of compensating the Town Clerk on an annual salary basis in lieu of statutory fees? All fees then collected by the Town Clerk shall be paid to the Town Treasurer for the use of the Town as directed by the Selectmen. The effective date of this change shall be April 1, 1977.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 5.

To see if the Town will give the Selectmen and the Town Treasurer the authority to borrow money in anticipation of tax receipts.

Article 6.

To raise such money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.

Article 7.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the withdrawal from Revenue Sharing Funds established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 for the use as set offs against budget appropriations for the following specific purposes and in the amounts indicated herewith or take any action hereon:

Appropriation	Amount
Planning Board	\$2,130
Zoning Department	3,500
Mapping & Surveying	2,000
Town Library	2,000
Town Office Expense	1,200
Fire Department	5,130
Rescue Squad	415
Police Department	7,989
Baboosic Lake Park	2,200
Town Hall	3,500
Highway Department	7,600
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	\$37,664

Article 8.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of five thousand two hundred dollars (\$5,200) to purchase a Police Cruiser and to authorize the withdrawal of the amount required for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Funds established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 or take action relative thereto.

Article 9.

To see if the Town will vote to change the procedure of auditing accounts of any and all fiscal agents of the Town by local elected auditors to the procedure of annual audit by the employment of a certified public account and to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) to audit the accounts of all fiscal agents for the years 1976 and 1977 and to authorize the withdrawal of the amount required for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provision of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972, or take action relative thereto.

Article 10.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to construct a new fire exit for the second floor of the Town Hall and authorize the withdrawal of this amount from Revenue Sharing Funds established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 or take action relative thereto.

Article 11.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of sixteen thousand one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$16,125) to establish a Capital Reserve Fund to provide for the orderly replacement of special Highway Equipment such as sanders, plows, tractors, etc., other than Motor Vehicles and Highway Grader and to authorize the withdrawal of said amount from surplus for the purpose of providing the necessary funds and that the Selectmen be directed to carry out the intent of this Article or take action relative thereto.

Article 12.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand three hundred and twenty-four dollars (\$5,324.00) to acquire a Hurst Tool for the Amherst Rescue Squad and to take the necessary steps to apply for and to receive a grant from the N.H. Highway Safety Agency for reimbursement in the amount of two thousand six hundred and sixty-two dollars (\$2,662) and the balance of two thousand six hundred and sixty-two dollars (\$2,662) to be reimbursed thru a gift in like amount from Amherst Rescue Squad.

Article 13.

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$160,000) to cover the cost of the construction of a new bridge to replace the present bridge No. 93-100 spanning the Souhegan River on the Boston Post Road South and to authorize the withdrawal of \$100,000 from the surplus account for the purpose of providing part of the necessary funds, the balance of said funds required to be raised from taxes in the amount of \$60,000, or take action relative thereto.

Article 14.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine hundred thirty-five dollars (\$935) to be expended by the Bicentennial Commission to complete the 1976 Local Bicentennial Celebration program, said amount to be returned to the Town from income from planned activities or take action relative thereto.

Article 15.

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for the purpose of acquiring a tract of land abutting the Village Cemetery of which ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) shall be withdrawn from Cemetery Funds, the balance of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be raised by taxes, and that said amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) shall be repaid to the Town from Cemetery Income funds over a period of five years and that the Cemetery Trustees be authorized to act in accordance herewith.

Article 16.

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be administered by the Conservation Commission with the concurrence of the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of acquiring land at their discretion to provide open space and recreational use in accordance with NHRSA 36-A.

Article 17.

To see if the town will vote to authorize the mailing of one copy only of the annual Town Report to each property owner of record and to raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) to defray postage.

Article 18. (By Petition)

To see if the Town by majority vote at the Town Meeting will decide to elect the members of the Planning Board. If such procedure is adopted, the Planning Board members shall be elected at the next regular Town Meeting in accordance with the provision of RSA 36:4b.

Article 19.

To see if the town will vote to adopt the semi-annual form of tax billing as provided for under RSA 76:15B to become effective in 1978.

Article 20. (By Petition)

Shall we adopt the provision of RSA 72:62 for a property tax exemption on real property equipped with solar energy heating or cooling system which exemption shall be in an amount equal to 100% of the value of the solar heating and cooling system?

Article 21.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell three (3) parcels of land identified at Lot #5-65/1 size 3 acres; Lot 8-38 size 2 acres and Lot 4-16 size one acre acquired by tax collectors deed.

Article 22. (By Petition)

To see if the Town of Amherst will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 in support of the Milford Area Women's Information Service (WISE, INC.) to continue its free counseling and information referral services for Amherst citizens.

Article 23.

To see if the Town under the provisions of New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated 1955, Chapter 466, as amended will vote to adopt the following Dog Control Bylaw to become effective within 30 days of date of adoption.

As used in this bylaw "Dog" shall be intended to mean both male and female.

"Owner" shall be intended to mean any person or persons, firm, association or corporation owning, keeping or harboring a dog.

I. Running at large prohibited: It shall be unlawful to permit any dog to run at large. "At Large" shall be intended to mean off the premises of the owner or the keeper, and not under the control of the owner or a responsible person. It shall be unlawful for any female dog in heat to run at large or be off the premises of the owner or keeper.

II. Restraint of Dogs: Dogs while confined to owner's premises shall be kept so in a humane and safe manner having a maximum freedom and in no way to permit undue hardship on the animal.

III. Penalties: Any owner found violating any provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a violation and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine as determined by the court.

This Ordinance shall become effective April 1, 1977 upon passage.

Given under our hands and seals this 21st Day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy-seven.

FRANCIS N. PERRY
EDWARD C. MASTEN
ROBERT LOWN
THOMAS GRELLA
ANN SNOW

A True copy, Attest:

FRANCIS N. PERRY
EDWARD C. MASTEN
ROBERT LOWN
THOMAS GRELLA
ANN SNOW

Budget

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	Approp. Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Expenditures Previous Fiscal Year	Approp. Ensuing Fiscal Year 1977
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 13,100.00	\$ 13,325.00	\$ 23,018.00
Town Officers' Expenses	38,344.00	37,088.61	46,234.00
Election & Registration Expenses	3,000.00	3,874.48	2,000.00
Town Hall & other Town Bldgs.	15,353.00	14,591.35	18,006.00
Employees' Retirement & Soc. Sec.	21,025.00	15,718.05	22,467.00
Contingency Fund	5,000.00	1,291.51	6,500.00
Protection of Persons & Property:			
Police Department	122,413.00	134,151.20	140,509.00
Fire Department	53,580.00	50,407.35	57,560.00
Care of Trees	3,000.00	1,756.00	3,400.00
Insurance	31,960.00	34,605.25	42,738.00
Planning & Zoning	29,130.00	28,735.79	39,328.00
Damages & Legal Expense	9,374.00	12,972.45	14,260.00
Civil Defense	1,185.00	1,180.07	1,050.00
Health Department:			
Vital Statistics	100.00	78.00	100.00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal		3,752.63	7,600.00
Highways & Bridges:			
Town Maint. — Summer & Winter	234,521.77	260,883.70	246,846.12
Street Lighting	5,800.00	4,833.98	6,100.00
General Exp. of Highway Dept.	24,520.00	27,373.33	27,506.00
Town Road Aid	2,111.98	2,111.98	2,191.00
Libraries:			
	38,115.00	38,115.00	45,157.00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	9,500.00	6,895.80	8,500.00
Old Age Assistance	6,000.00	6,602.41	6,500.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
	2,965.00	2,755.10	2,200.00
Recreation:			
	33,847.00	34,684.01	39,295.00

Budget

	Approp. Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Expenditures Previous Fiscal Year	Approp. Ensuing Fiscal Year 1977
Public Service Enterprises:			
Municipal Water --- Electric Utilities	1,875.00	1,875.00	1,875.00
Cemeteries	8,234.00	8,214.65	8,234.00
Debt Service:			
Principal & Long Term Notes & Bonds		11,297.37	
Interest on Temporary Loans	16,000.00	14,819.63	15,000.00
Capital Outlay:			
Articles	137,290.00	71,034.01	239,584.00
Souhegan Land Fill	40,883.95	20,042.00	18,476.24
Payment to Capital Reserve Fund	21,000.00	21,000.00	23,500.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$939,463.70	\$896,656.09	\$1,133,328.63

Budget

	Estimated Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Fiscal Year 1977
From State:			
Interest & Dividends Tax	\$ 82,000.00	\$ 70,096.53	\$ 60,000.00
Savings Bank Tax	8,500.00	8,447.10	8,000.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	43,000.00	50,680.66	50,000.00
Highway Subsidy (Cl. IV & V)	36,037.77	36,036.77	36,521.12
Reim. a-c Business Profits			
Tax (Town Portion)	1,969.00	1,969.00	2,068.00
Reim. OAA		416.64	
Reim. CD		374.43	
From Local Sources:			
Dog Licenses	2,600.00	2,660.00	2,600.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	200.00	300.01	200.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	125,000.00	160,690.77	145,000.00
Interest on Taxes & Deposits	25,000.00	47,776.00	35,000.00
Income from Trust Funds	4,200.00	6,896.05	4,200.00
Withdrawal Capital Reserve Funds		1,086.35	10,000.00
Fines & Forfeits — Municipal and District Court	300.00	15.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	400.00	300.42	300.00
Resident Taxes Retained	36,200.00	44,540.00	44,500.00
Normal Yield Taxes Assessed	500.00	292.86	200.00
Rent of Town Property	5,400.00	6,150.00	5,390.00
Sale of Town Property		2,150.50	
Income from Departments	34,445.00	70,308.92	51,113.00
Gas Tax Refund	1,200.00	1,226.61	1,300.00
Gift			2,662.00
Surplus:		174,000.00	16,125.00
From Federal Sources:			
Interest	869.58	1,243.44	
Revenue Sharing	32,872.00	36,752.00	53,864.00
Grants	20,300.00	35,416.35	10,814.00
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TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES	460,993.26	759,826.41	539,857.12
Amount to be raised by Property Taxes	478,470.44	270,218.24	593,471.51
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TOTAL REVENUES	\$939,463.70	\$1,030,044.65	\$1,133,328.63

Summary Inventory of Valuation

	1975	1976
Land		**\$ 29,486,676
Buildings	29,289,480	70,610,870
Factory Buildings	65,599,630	493,450
Public Water Utility	493,500	
Public Utility — Gas	110,300	504,440
Public Utility — Electric	494,450	1,086,710
CATV	1,096,650	
House Trailers		149,940
Boats	(53)	(51)
Total Valuation Before Exemptions	(48)	(48)
Elderly Exemptions	30,003	29,101
Blind Exemption	97,257,853	102,361,187
Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is Computed	167,500	479,000
	(1)	(3)
	\$ 97,085,353	\$101,867,187

**Reflects Land Use Exemptions

Current Use Property

Category	Number of Acres Granted Under This Category
Farm Land	1,030
Forest Land	1,988
Wild Land	
Wild Land	2,459
“Productive” wild land	
Unmanaged forest & farm land	1,203
Inactive farm land	675
Natural Preserve Land	119
Wetland	967
Flood Plain	
Recreation Land	

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures *Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1976*

Title of Appropriation	Appropriation	+ or — Income	Amount, Avail.	Expended to 12/31	Accounts Payable	Total Expended	Over	Under	1977
Town officers' salaries	\$ 13,100.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 13,125.00	\$ 13,325.00	\$	\$ 13,325.00	\$ 200.00	\$	\$ 23,018.00
Town office expense	36,344.00	633.15	36,977.15	35,352.81	2,200.00	37,552.81	575.66		42,234.00
Elections	3,000.00	274.01	3,274.01	3,874.48	822.00	4,696.48	1,422.47		2,000.00
Legal	6,000.00		6,000.00	10,499.00		10,499.99	4,499.99		10,000.00
Insurance	31,960.00	3,886.18	35,846.18	34,605.25		34,605.25		1,240.93	42,738.00
Social Security	16,450.00		16,450.00	10,785.02		10,785.02		5,664.98	12,467.00
Mapping	2,000.00	198.50	2,198.50	1,735.80		1,735.80		462.70	4,000.00
Retirement	4,575.00		4,575.00	4,933.03		4,933.03	358.03		9,300.00
Town Hall	9,259.00	1,177.46*	10,436.46	10,335.97		10,335.97		100.49	11,323.00
Brick School	6,004.00	260.00	6,354.00	4,255.38		4,255.38		2,098.62	6,683.00
Police Department	111,438.00	10,561.64	121,999.64	123,703.20		123,703.20	1,703.56		127,991.00
Fire Department	53,580.00	401.90	53,981.90	50,407.35	2,436.95	52,844.30		1,137.60	57,560.00
Civil Defense	1,185.00		1,185.00	1,180.07		1,180.07		4.93	1,050.00

Title of Appropriation	Appropriation	+ or — Income	Amount. Avail.	Expended to 12/31	Accounts Payable	Total Expended	Over	Under	1977
Dog Account	3,375.00	—124.40	3,250.60	2,472.46		2,472.46		778.14	4,260.00
Communications	10,975.00		10,975.00	10,448.00		10,448.00		527.00	12,518.00
Hydrant Rental	1,875.00		1,875.00	1,875.00		1,875.00			1,875.00
Tree Care	3,000.00	150.00	3,150.00	1,756.00	400.00	2,156.00		994.00	3,400.00
Street Lights	5,800.00		5,800.00	4,833.98		4,833.93		966.02	6,100.00
Conservation	1,500.00	98.81	1,598.81	1,372.98		1,372.98		225.83	1,600.00
Board of Adjustment	1,000.00	156.45	1,156.45	1,227.02		1,227.02	70.57		1,700.00
Planning Board	4,800.00	581.50	5,381.50	4,105.77		4,105.77		1,275.73	5,975.00
Zoning Administrator	22,130.00	15,588.83	37,718.83	22,252.00		22,252.00		15,466.83	30,453.00
Nashua Regional Planning Board of Health	1,200.00 500.00		1,200.00 500.00	1,151.00 500.00		1,151.00 500.00		49.00	1,200.00 550.00
Souhegan Nursing	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00		1,500.00			3,000.00
Nashua Mental Health	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00		1,000.00			2,000.00
Ambulance	7,235.00		7,235.00	7,590.38		7,590.38	355.38		12,044.00
Vital Statistics	100.00		100.00	78.00		78.00		22.00	100.00
OAA	6,000.00		6,000.00	6,602.41		6,602.41	602.41		6,500.00
Town Poor	9,000.00	545.30	9,545.30	6,895.80	150.00	7,045.80		2,499.50	8,000.00
Veterans' Aid	500.00		500.00					500.00	500.00
Library	38,115.00		38,115.00	38,115.00		38,115.00			45,157.00

General Expense	24,520.00	1,771.12	26,291.12	27,373.33	27,373.33	1,082.21	27,506.00
Winter Maintenance	88,637.00	35.00	88,672.00	93,467.05	93,467.05	4,795.05	94,212.00
Summer Maintenance	47,428.00	6,445.79	53,873.79	52,846.11	52,846.11	1,027.68	50,978.00
Oiling	50,420.00	900.00	51,320.00	51,433.66	51,433.66	113.66	52,555.00
Road Improvements	12,000.00	1,443.00	13,443.00	13,489.15	13,489.15	46.15	12,600.00
TRA	2,111.98		2,111.98	2,111.98	2,111.98		2,191.27
Gas Subsidy	36,036.77		36,036.77	36,168.58	36,168.58	131.81	36,521.12
Grader Fund	3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00		8,500.00
Parks	5,720.00	126.00	5,846.00	5,704.63	5,704.63	141.37	7,710.00
Cemeteries	3,234.00		8,234.00	8,214.65	8,214.65	19.35	8,234.00
Dump		3,740.63	3,740.63	3,752.63	3,752.63	12.00	7,600.00
Recreation	13,820.00	2,331.55	16,151.55	13,927.18	186.00	2,038.37	15,550.00
Baboosic	12,807.00	2,783.86	15,590.86	13,679.22	1,001.21	910.43	14,435.00
Capital Reserve Truck							15,000.00
Memorial	600.00		600.00	552.88	552.88	47.12	600.00
4th of July	2,365.00	50.00	2,315.00	2,202.22	2,202.22	112.78	1,600.00
Debt Service (Int.)	16,000.00		16,000.00	14,819.63	14,819.63	1,180.37	15,000.00
Contingency	5,000.00	1,157.34	3,842.66	1,250.00	2,592.66		6,500.00
TOTAL	\$743,289.75	\$52,783.94	\$796,073.69	\$762,762.05	\$9,788.82	\$772,550.87	\$875,268.39

Statement of Appropriations and Taxes Assessed and Tax Rate

APPROPRIATIONS	AMOUNT
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 13,100 00
Town Officers' Expenses	36,344 00
Election & Registration Expenses	3,000 00
Town Hall & Other Town Buildings	15,353 00
Employees' Retirement & Social Security	21,025 00
Contingency Fund	5,000 00
Police Department	122,413 00
Fire Department	53,580 00
Care of Trees	3,000 00
Insurance	31,960 00
Planning & Zoning	29,130 00
Damages & Legal Expenses	9,375 00
Civilian Defense	1,185 00
Health Department	10,235 00
Vital Statistics	100 00
Town Dump	40,883 95
Town Maintenance — Summer & Winter	234,521 77
Street Lighting	5,800 00
General Expenses of Highway Department	24,520 00
Town Road Aid	2,111 98
Libraries	38,115 00
Town Poor	9,500 00
Old Age Assistance	6,000 00
Patriotic Purposes	2,965 00
Recreation (Parks, Playgrounds, etc.)	32,347 00
Municipal Water & Electric Utilities	1,875 00
Cemeteries	8,234 00
Interest	16,000 00
Article 11 — Library	1,500 00
Article 12 — Highway Truck	8,000 00
Article 13 — Cruiser	4,500 00
Article 14 — Fire Station	3,000 00
Article 15 — Capital Reserve	18,000 00
Article 16 — Conservation Land	15,000 00
Article 17 — Tennis Courts	50,000 00
Article 18 — Master Plan	5,000 00

Article 19 — Bicentennial	3,790 00
Article 20 — Town Common	7,200 00
Article 22 — Fire Alarm	11,300 00
Article 23 — Retirement	28,000 00
Grader	3,000 00
Mapping	2,000 00
Conservation	1,500 00
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Total Town Appropriations	\$939,463 70

Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 70,096 53
Railroad Tax	0
Savings Bank Tax	8,447 10
Meals & Rooms Tax	43,000 00
Recreation Grant	25,000 00
Revenue from Yield Tax Sources	244 05
Interest Received on Taxes	22,596 00
Interest Received on Deposits	16,847 00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	163 00
Dog Licenses	2,600 00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	125,000 00
Rent of Town Property & Equip.	5,000 00
Income from Trust Funds	4,365 00
National Bank Stock Taxes	265 00
Resident Taxes	44,820 00
Surplus	174,000 00
Revenue Sharing	34,175 00
Highway Subsidy	36,036 78
Income from Departments	56,560 00
Total Revenues & Credits	<hr/> \$ 669,215 46
Net Town Appropriations	<hr/> \$ 270,248 24
Net School Appropriations	2,596,322 93
County Tax Assessment	163,161 45
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Total of Town, School & County	\$3,029,732 62

Deduct: Total Bus. Profits Tax Reimb.	—23,080 00
Add: War Service Tax Credits	+34,950 00
Add: Overlay	+14,412 99
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Property Taxes to be Raised	\$3,056,015 61

TAX RATES (per thousand)

Unit of Government	Rate
Municipal	\$ 3.12
County	1.59
School	25.29
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	\$30.00
Amherst Village District	.27

DISTRIBUTION OF TAX DOLLAR TO

Year	Schools	Town	Sanitary Waste Disposal	County
1959	\$1.715	\$0.188	—	\$0.097
1960	.717	.197	—	.086
1961	.733	.179	—	.088
1962	.764	.160	—	.076
1963	.751	.175	—	.074
1964	.758	.171	—	.071
1965	.767	.161	—	.062
*1966	.848	.104	—	.048
1967	.842	.101	—	.057
1968	.835	.117	—	.048
1969	.867	.085	—	.048
1970	.845	.102	—	.053
1971	.836	.119	—	.045
1972	.859	.097	—	.044
1973	.840	.121	—	.039
*1974	.758	.198	.013	.031
1975	.780	.167	.013	.040
1976	.843	.091	.013	.053
Average				
1959-66	\$0.798	\$0.141	—	\$0.061
Average				
1966-76	.832	.188	.004	.046

Balance Sheet

ASSETS

Cash:		
In hands of Treasurer		
(Schedule A)	\$1,464,735 05	
In hand of Officials	50 00	
Total	-----	\$1,464,785 05
Capital Reserve Funds:		
Grader	\$10,148 41	
M. V. Res.	15,552 61	
Fire Equipment	97,613 16	
Recreation	689 50	
Rescue	3,110 75	
Total	-----	127,114 43
Accounts Due to the Town:		
Schedule B		2,681 10
Unredeemed Taxes:		
(b) Levy of 1975	\$33,858 11	
(c) Levy of 1974	12,385 70	
(d) Previous Years	310 67	
Total	-----	46,554 48
Uncollected Taxes:		
(a) Levy of 1976, including		
Resident Taxes	\$504,235 05	
(b) Levy of 1975	260 00	
Total	-----	504,495 05
Grand Total		-----
		\$2,145,630 11
Current Surplus, Dec. 31, 1975		249,029 01
Current Surplus, Dec. 31, 1976		171,607 82
Increase-Decrease of Surplus		
Change in Financial Condition		77,421 19

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:	
Bills Outstanding (Schedule D)	\$ 12,391 32
Unexpended Balances of Special	
Appropriations (Schedule C)	86,050 48
Unexpended Revenue Sharing Funds	17,838 40
Yield Tax Deposits (Escrow Acc't.)	316 73
School District Taxes Payable	1,730,310 93
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Total Accounts Owed	
by the Town	\$1,846,907 86
Capital Reserve Funds	127,114 43
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Total Liabilities	\$1,974,052 29
Current Surplus (Excess of Assets	
over Liabilities)	171,607 82
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Grand Total	\$2,145,630 11

SCHEDULE C

Balance of Special Appropriations:

Souhegan Land Fill

1-1-77 to 6-30-77	\$20,841 95	
Article 17 of '76 Tennis courts	23,708 49	
Article 18 of '76 Master Plan	4,671 20	
Article 22 of '76 Alarms	11,300 00	
Article 13 of '74 Land Fill Land	22,594 84	
Article of '75 Woodchipper	434 00	
Article 23 of '76 Retirement	2,500 00	
	-----	\$ 86,050 48

SCHEDULE B

Accounts Receivable:

Human Development Grant, Knous	\$ 1,906 10	
Mont Vernon Ambulance Payment	475 00	
Police Private Duty	300 00	
	-----	\$ 2,681 10

SCHEDULE D

Accounts Payable:

Trustees of Cemeteries	\$ 200 00
Trustees of the Trust Funds	1,065 00
E. C. Masten, Welfare Officer	150 00
Puritan Gardens	400 00
Data Processing	3,022 00
Thomas Moran	1,500 00
Bissonette Signs	76 00
Fire Barn	1,000 00
Blanchard Inc.	1,136 00
State of N.H.	15 75
Firemark	29 50
R. White	3 00
Fred Yunggebauer	85 00
Don's Sport Center	89 00
Thomas Sasdi	1,092 66
Recreation Department — Baboosic	325 21
Recreation	97 00
Fire Department	557 25

Town Office Expense	395 45	
Baboosic Pavillion roof	600 00	
	-----	\$ 11,838 82
Bon Terrain		552 50

		\$12,391 32

SCHEDULE E

Current Maintenance Expenses:

Article 22	\$16,000 00	
Article 19	612 57	
Article 18 Cruiser	4,259 42	
Article 19	223 50	
Article 15	2,990 80	
Article 19 of '76	7,218 90	
Article 20 Common	7,200 00	
Article 23 Retirement	21,408 55	
Article 15 Capital res.	18,000 00	
Article 20	1,291 51	
Article 18	328 80	
Article 11 Books	1,500 00	
Article 12	8,000 00	
Contingency	1,291 51	
Land Fill	20,042 00	
Town Clerks account	8,281 67	
	-----	\$118,649 19
# 25		
Other receipts from State:		
Gas Tax Refunds	\$ 1,226 61	
Civil Prepar. reim.	374 43	
	-----	\$ 1,601 04

Schedule of Long Term Indebtedness

As of December 31, 1976

Long Term Notes Outstanding:

Arnold Land for Land Fill

Total Long Term Notes Outstanding ----- \$22,594 84

Total Long Term Indebtedness —

December 31, 1976; June 30, 1977 \$22,594 84

Receipts and Payments

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Property Taxes, current yr., 1976	2,518,556 41
Resident Taxes, current yr., 1976	38,000 00
Nat'l. Bank Stock Taxes, current yr., 1976	300 42
Yield Taxes, current yr., 1976	292 86
Total Current Year's Taxes	
Collected and Remitted	<hr/> \$2,557,149 69
Property Taxes & Yield Taxes, prev. yrs.	491,761 27
Resident Taxes, prev. yrs.	6,540 00
Land Use	2,835 50
Interest received on Delinquent Taxes	23,494 34
Penalties: Resident Taxes	743 00
Tax Sales redeemed	125,540 43
	<hr/> \$3,208,154 23

From State:

Highway Subsidy	36 036 77
Interest & Dividends Tax	70,096 53
Savings Bank Tax	8,447 10
Reimbursement a-c Old Age Assistance	416 64
Meals & Rooms Tax	50,680 66
Reimbursements a-c Business Profits Tax	23,081 76
All Other Receipts from State	1,601 04

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	2,660 60
Business licenses, permits & filing fees	37,491 84
Fines & Forfeits, municipal & district court	15 00
Rent of Town Property	6,150 00
Interest received on deposits	23,832 34
Income from trust funds	6,896 05
Income from departments	33,117 09
Motor Vehicle permits	160,690 77

Total Current Revenue Receipts	\$3,669,368 42
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Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

Proceeds of Tax Anticipation Notes	\$800,000 00
Insurance adjustments	3,964 14
Refunds	535 30
New Trust Funds received during year	200 00
Withdrawals from Capital Reserve Funds	1,086 35
Grants from U.S.A.:	
Revenue Sharing	36,752 00

Interest on Investments of		
Revenue Sharing Funds	1,243	44
Law Enforcement Assistance Act	11,872	52
Emergency Employment Act	16,393	83
Recreation Grants	6,150	00
All Other Grants from U.S.A.		
Bicentennial	1,000	00
Total Receipts from All Sources		4,548,566 00
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1976		1,260,178 41
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Grand Total		\$5,808,744 41

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 13,325	00
Town Officers' Expenses	35,352	81
Election & Registration Expenses	3,874	48
Expenses Town Hall & other Town Bldgs.	14,591	35

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police Department	\$134,151	20
Fire Dept., including Forest Fires	50,407	35
Moth Extermination — Blister Rust		
and Care of Trees	1,756	00
Planning & Zoning	28,735	79
Damage by dogs	2,472	46
Insurance	34,605	25
Civil Defense	1,180	07
Conservation Commission	1,372	98

Health:

Health Department, including		
Hospitals & Ambulance	10,590	38
Vital Statistics	78	00
Town Dumps & Garbage Removal	3,752	63

Highways and Bridges:

Town Road Aid	2,111	98
Town Maintenance	260,883	70
Street Lighting	4,833	98
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	27,373	33

Libraries:

Libraries	38,115	00
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Public Welfare:

Old Age Assistance	6,602	41
Town Poor	6,895	80

Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial Day, Veteran's Associations and Old Home Day	2,755 10	
Recreation:		
Parks & Playgrounds, including Band Concerts	33,311 03	
Public Service Enterprises:		
Municipal Water & Electric Depts.	1,875 00	
Cemeteries, including hearse hire	8,214 65	
Unclassified:		
Damages & Legal Expenses	10,499 99	
Taxes bought by Town	105,518 58	
Discounts, Abatements & Refunds	11,386 71	
Employees' Retirement & Social Security	15,718 05	
All Other Current Maintenance Expenses	118,649 19	
Total Current Maintenance Expenses		\$ 990,990 25
Debt Service:		
Interest on Debt:		
Paid on Tax Anticipation Notes	14,819 63	
Total Interest Payments		14,819 63
Principal of Debt:		
Payments on Tax Anticipation Notes	800,000 00	
Payments on Long Term Notes	11,297 37	
Total Principal Payments		811,297 37
Capital Outlay:		
Payments to Capital Reserve Funds	3,000 00	
Tax Maps	1,735 80	
Total Outlay Payments		4,735 80
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
Payments to State a-c 2% Bond and Debt		
Retirement Taxes	48 81	
Taxes Paid to County	163,161 45	
Payments to Precincts	3,043 03	
Payments to School Districts		
(1975 Tax \$1,489,902.02)		
(1976 Tax \$866,011.00)	2,355,913 02	
Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1976		1,464,735 05
Grand Total		\$5,808,744 41

Schedule of Town Property

Date Acquired	Property and Map No.	Size	Value
1824	Town Hall & Land, 18-43		\$180,000
	Equipment		30,000
1890	Library & Land, 17-7		179,500
	Equipment		47,000
	Police Equipment		25,000
1872	Village Fire Station		89,300
	Equipment		148,200
1917	Highway Dept. Land & Bldg.		23,200
	Equipment		121,000
	Parks, Commons & Playgrounds		5,000
1953	Brick School, 17-82		155,000
	Equipment		2,000
	Annex		29,800
1973	Cemetery Tool House		5,300
	Equipment		6,000
	Rescue Equipment		35,000
1971	Baboosic Lake Land & Bldg., 24-13		50,000
	Equipment		3,000
	Town Dump		2,120
1932	Baboosic Dump, 6-86		1,990
1974	Souhegan Land Fill, 8-9		85,000
1975	South Amherst Fire Station, 2-127/1		55,500
1904	Land for Village Courts		

Conservation Land:

1969	Sherburne Land, 2-145/3	10A	1,000
1970	Joe English Brook, 10/2	77A	30,000
1974	20 Associates Land, 9-2	117A	40,000
1968	Odell Meadow, 5-152	47A	1,400
1970	Boissonault Land, 10-22/1	23A	8,500
1971	Plumb Land, 10-40/1	47A	4,300
1970	Erickson Land, 10-3	8A	1,440
1970	Bartlett Land, 4-55	2A	800
1974	Wilkins Land, 5-147	5.5A	200
1975	The Meadows Conservation Land, 6-115	6A	3,500
1976	Ross Land, 6-112		600
1976	Thibodeau Land, 2-163	1A	3,000

Tax Deeds:

1970	Brown Lot	1A	500
1959	Goodwin Bldg.		100
1938	Chandler Lot, 6/38	3A	100
1938	Melendy Lot, 4-16/1	2A	100
1965	White Lot, 4-16	1A	1,090
1957	Gelinas Land, 11-17	16A	960
1907	Broadway Lot, 24-11	.04A	2,330
1958	Brooks Land, 24-19	.14A	1,780
1969	Glover Land, 1-30	30A	1,520
1973	Jones Lot, 2-26	1A	200
1971	Nash Land, 24-77 & 61		150
1974	Yankee Homes Land, 5-82	5A	500
1974	Yankee Homes Land, 5-170	3A	150
1974	Yankee Homes Land, 5-169	3A	100
1976	Essex Lot, 5-65/1	2A	100
1976	Sylvester Lot, 8-77/10	17.5A	15,600
1976	Currier Land, 2-115	6A	600
1976	Currier Land, 4/34/23	14A	1,200

Report of Town Clerk

For the Year Ending December 31, 1976

Vehicle Registrations

Auto Permits (1975)	\$ 3,118 27
Auto Permits (1976)	157,572 50
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Paid Treasurer	\$160,690 77

Dog Account

7 Kennel Licenses	
31 Part Year Licenses	
1207 1976 Licenses	
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1245 Total	\$ 2,908 00
Paid Clerk	247 40
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Paid Treasurer	\$ 2,660 60

Notice to Owners and Keepers of Dogs

Every owner or keeper of a dog shall annually on or before the 30th day of April, cause it to be registered, numbered, described and licensed for one year from the first day of May, in the office of the Town Clerk wherein said dog is kept and shall cause it to wear around its neck a collar distinctly marked with a registered number.

All dogs must be vaccinated against rabies in the state's attempt to prevent the spread of this killing disease.

Male or spayed dogs, \$2.00; female dogs, \$5.00; \$1.00 penalty if not paid before June 1st.

An untagged dog is a stray dog and may be picked up by the dog officer and taken to the Town pound.

Report all lost or found dogs to the Police Department.

A fine of \$100.00 shall be levied on dog owners or keepers answering falsely or refusing to answer. (RSA 466:43)

Respectfully submitted,

BERNICE G. BOOTHROYD, Town Clerk

December 31, 1976

Report of Tax Collector

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

1976 Property, Yield and Bank Stock Taxes

Committed to Collector:

Property	\$3,024,198 81
Bank Stock	300 42
Land Use Recovery	2,685 50
Yield	292 86
	-----\$3,027,477 59

Added Taxes	\$ 5,805 00
Overpayments	460 60
Cash Over	410 00
	-----\$ 6,675 60

	\$3,034,153 19

Remitted to Treasurer:

1976 Property	\$2,518,536 41
Bank Stock	300 42
Recovery	2,685 50
Yield	292 86
	-----\$2,521,815 19

Abated	13,052 95
Uncollected	499,295 05

	\$3,034,153 19

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

1976 Resident Taxes

Committed to Collector	\$ 44,820 00
Added Taxes	1,150 00
Double Payments	20 00

Total	\$ 45,990 00

Remitted to Treasurer	\$ 38,000 00
Abated per list	3,040 00
Uncollected per list	4,950 00
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Total	\$ 45,990 00

SUMMARY OF WARRANT 1975 Property

Uncollected 1-1-76	\$ 493,740 24
Cash on hand	1,196 91

Added:	
Reeves	260 55
Thibodeau	152 89
Land Use Recovery	150 00
Interest Collected	14,833 39
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Total	\$ 510,333 98

Remitted to Treasurer	\$ 491,684 25
Land Use	150 00
Interest	14,833 39
Abated per list	3,666 34
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Total	\$ 510,333 98

SUMMARY OF WARRANT 1975 Resident Tax

Uncollected 1-1-76	\$ 8,170 00
Added 1976	710 00

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	\$ 8,880 00
Penalties Collected	576 00

Total	\$ 9,456 00
Remitted	\$ 6,480 00
Abated	2,140 00
Uncollected per list	260 00
Penalties	576 00
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Total	\$ 9,456 00

Uncollected:

Blakley, Peter	Keefe, John
Browning, Geoffrey	Keefe, Ann
Carpenter, Susan	Keefe, John Jr.
Carter, James	Keefe, Wm.
Currier, Cris	Laing, Candice
Currier, David	Lathrop, Jean
Currier, Susan	Lathrop, Susan
Grant, Donald	Lathrop, Kathleen
Grant, Kathleen	Peck, Rand
Hiller, Pam	Sadler, George
Hiller, Roland	Sadler, L.
Holt, Elizabeth	Terrian, Joan
Holt, Lynn	Van Dine, Karen

SUMMARY OF WARRANT 1974 Resident Taxes

Uncollected 1-1-76	\$	290 00
Remitted to Treasurer	\$	60 00
Abated per list		220 00
Uncollected		
Carolyn Anderson		10 00
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	\$	290 00

SUMMARY OF WARRANT — 1974

Uncollected 1-1-76		
Yield	\$ 9 01	
Property	322 64	
	<hr/> \$	331 65
Remitted to Treasurer		
Yield	\$ 9 01	
Property	68 01	
	<hr/> \$	77 02
Abated during 1976		254 63
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	\$	331 65

REPORT OF TAX SALE AND UNREDEEMED TAXES 1976

	Tax Accounts of		
	1975	1974	Prior
Taxes sold town 6-15-76	\$104,018.25	\$	\$
Taxes sold town 9-30-76	1,500.33		
Unredeemed taxes 1-1-76		66,024.65	6,966.59
Added 1976		314.71	
Interest	2,126.07	5,647.47	887.41
Totals	\$107,644.65	\$71,986.83	\$7,854.00

Remitted to treasurer	\$ 67,274.08	\$52,197.67	\$5,753.97
Added tax remitted		314.71	
Deeded to town	643.88	616.60	316.28
Abated	3,742.51	824.68	585.67
Interest	2,126.07	5,647.47	887.41
Unredeemed 12-31-76	33,858.11	12,385.70	310.67
Totals	\$107,644.65	\$71,986.83	\$7,854.00

UNREDEEMED TAXES

	1975	Levy of 1974	Prior
Eugene Adams			
2-72/13	\$ 702.30	\$ 677.15	\$
2-72/10	965.90	931.49	
Amherst Heights			
1-29	231.41	223.19	
1-29/6	344.09	26.47	
1-29/3	229.39	221.46	
1-29/4	437.66	422.23	
Anderson, Larry 2-154	566.46		
Associate Ind.			
2-40	2,631.12	536.63	
2-42	763.68	739.43	
Leonard Boissonault	34.29		
Boston & Maine RTW	241.76		
Janette Clouthier 6-65	95.57	92.24	
Dorothy Cullinan 25-33	222.36		
Currier, Robert			64.01
Marcel Demers			
8-115/1	158.96		
8-115	386.36	518.27	
8-114	555.38	540.38	
Arnold Dibble 6-68/15	10.99		
Manuel Enos 13-06	30.04		
Irene Forsyth 1-26	115.54		
Donald Grant 5-154	820.02	790.64	
George Howard 7-92	185.00		
James Rockwell 3-84	445.72		
Paul Hutchinson 3-84/1	6.02		
Angelina Kopka 12-13	533.31		
LaPierre & Jenny 2-55/1	3,120.17		
LaPierre & Lenny 2-49	1,198.33		
Sandra LaForest 2-72/33	385.40		
H. Donald Logan			
4-14/13	946.57		
Joseph Luongo			
5-45	2,032.38		
5-46	373.33		
5-47	21.11		
6-48	253.53		

Luongo Development

8-77/29	29.29	
8-77/30	27.14	
8-77/34	66.39	
8-77/37	229.39	
8-77/38	60.35	
8-77/51		58.49
8-77/52	60.35	
8-77/53	253.54	
8-77/54	72.42	
8-77/55	72.42	
8-77/56	72.42	
8-77/57	72.42	
8-77/58	72.42	
8-77/59	69.41	67.22
8-77/60	72.42	
8-77/61	72.42	
8-77/62	72.42	
8-77/65	72.42	
8-77/66	72.42	
8-77/67	72.42	
8-77/68	72.42	
8-77/69	72.42	
8-77/70	72.42	
8-77/71	72.42	
8-77/72	72.42	
8-77/73	72.42	
8-77/74	72.42	
8-77/75	72.42	
8-77/80	273.05	
8-77/81	229.39	
8-77/83	229.39	
8-77/99	229.39	
8-77/100	72.42	70.13
8-77/101	72.42	70.13
8-77/102	72.42	70.13
8-77/103	72.42	70.13
8-77/104	69.41	67.22
8-77/105	60.35	58.49
8-77/111	229.39	221.45
8-77/112	229.39	221.45
8-77/113	229.39	221.45

Robert Lynch 24-54	328.05	260.31	
Caroline Malo 11-7/2		377.42	
Pauline Mailloux			135.44
25-20			34.17
Donald Mallinson 4-42	958.14		
Robert McLaughlin 3-95	35.25		77.05
Leonard Newell 24-15	474.40		
Donald Ohland			
21-12	994.55		
21-12/1	169.02		
Doris Patient 6-63/3	219.39		
Properties Inc. 12-12	1,073.62		
William Riehl	1,094.31		
Evelyn Ruiter Estate	1,079.61		
Sylvester Inc.			
8-80/2	202.22		
8-80/5	199.20	192.35	
Gerald Tabor	30.77		
Donald Torres	367.29	354.14	
Elizabeth Trembley	661.79	589.85	
Anthony Vaitkunas			
8-90		482.18	
Warren Development			
6-108/2	201.22	189.44	
6-108/3	196.18	189.44	
6-108/30	135.81	131.24	
6-108/31	166.00	160.34	
6-108/32	181.09	174.89	
6-108/33	184.11	177.80	
8-44/3	220.34	212.71	
Sam & Olive Weisman			
12-14	1,450.93	1,398.82	
Wells Realty			
4-34/25		14.85	
4-34/24		20.66	
Mark Scott		543.29	
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	\$33,858.11	\$12,385.70	\$ 310.67

Report of Town Treasurer

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1976	\$	73,951 77
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Barbara Landry, Tax Collector:

Resident & Property Taxes	\$3,102,523 97	
Tax Redemptions	104,018 26	
Land Use Recovery	1,612 00	
	-----	3,208,154 23

Bernice Boothroyd, Town Clerk:

Auto Registrations	\$160,690 77	
Dog Licenses	2,660 60	
	-----	163,351 37

Credit Elections & Registrations:

Candidates' Fees	\$ 26 00	
School District, credit elections	194 01	
Sale of Sets of Checklists	80 00	
	-----	300 01

Town Buildings:

Brick School Rentals		1,650 00
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Trustees of the Trust Funds:

Credit Tennis Courts	\$1,086 35	
Gifts:		
Janice Shethar	50 00	
Neil Mangold	100 00	
Mary Quinn	50 00	
	-----	1,286 35

Trustees of the Cemetery:

Sale of Lots, Burials		
and Annual Care	\$1,065 00	
From the Trust Fund		
due 12-75	1,550 00	
due 12-76	4,117 00	
	-----	6,732 00

Robert Barton, Zoning Administrator:

Zoning Fees	\$34,691 33	
Test Pit Fees	175 00	
Planning Board Fees	1,146 00	
Zoning Books	135 50	
Driveway Permits	672 50	

Board of Adjustment Fees	150 00	
Earth Removal Permits	50 00	
Jewett Insurance	64 95	
	<hr/>	37,085 28
Amherst Highway Department:		
Winter Maintenance	\$ 35 00	
Summer Maintenance:		
Fiske Highway	164 05	
Driveway Permits	1,350 00	
Credit Mont Vernon	140 00	
Amherst School District	4,101 74	
Road Improvements	1,443 00	
Oiling	900 00	
Culvert Repair	158 00	
Baboosic — Sand	522 00	
General Expense:		
Sale of Truck	1,001 00	
State of N.H., Gas Tax		
Refund	713 35	
Credit 101 Realty —		
Road Signs	55 85	
State of N.H. — Human		
Development Grant	8,531 60	
	<hr/>	19,115 59
Permits and Licenses:		
Commercial Dump Permit	\$12 50	
Junk Licenses	75 00	
Blasting Permits	4 00	
	<hr/>	91 50
Fire Department:		
Jewett Insurance		431 10
Fourth of July Committee:		
Booth Fees	\$90 00	
Commercial Food Permit	25 00	
	<hr/>	115 00

Amherst Police Department:

Accident & Theft Reports	\$ 263 00
Bicycle Registrations	602 50
Dog Fines, Milford Court	15 00
Special Duty	5,904 44
Pistol Permits	170 00
Insurance Refunds	1,142 47
Sale of Cruiser	555 00
Sale of Guns	210 00
Comerford Decals	1 41
State of N.H., Gas Tax Refund	513 26
State of N.H., Salary Reimb.	300 00
State of N.H., Cadet Grant	787 00

State of N.H., Increased Police
Services:

1st Grant	7,157 40
2nd Grant	1,139 12

State of N.H., Hgwy. Safety —
Radar

2,209 00

State of N.H., Highway

280 00

----- 21,249 60

Amherst Recreation Commission:

Tennis Registrations & Fees	\$2,014 50
Baseball Registrations	278 00
Softball Registrations	96 00
Basketball Registrations	161 00
Girls' Basketball,	
Tournament Fees	17 00
Golf Registrations	135 00
Soccer Registrations	172 00
State of N.H., Grant for	
Tennis Court	6,150 00
State of N.H., Human	
Development Grant	6,027 70
Unencumbered Gifts	23 00

----- 15,074 20

Baboosic Lake Park:

Memberships	\$1,597 00	
Rentals	500 00	
Concession Receipts	1,226 71	
Dance Receipts	107 50	
Steak Cookout	452 90	
Games & Music Machines	1,103 20	
Dock Dance Receipts —		
Tran. to Savings	163 75	
Swimming Registrations	1,839 75	
Swimming Lessons	450 00	
Pavilion Auction	384 50	
Sanitas Overpayment —		
Credit Baboosic	12 00	
	-----	7,837 31

Town Hall & Office Expense:

Copying	\$203 25	
N.H. Municipal Association	10 00	
Tax List Copy	10 00	
Tax Bill Duplicates	69 00	
Maps	198 50	
Zoning Books	98 50	
Additional Key	2 00	
Postage	29	
	-----	591 54

Bicentennial Committee:

Sale of Patches	\$ 428 05	
Sale of Stationery	136 00	
Sale of Hats	41 00	
Sale of Books	769 50	
Sale of Coins	1,837 75	
Chances on Paperweight	66 50	
State of N.H., Bicentennial		
Grant	1,000 00	
	-----	4,278 80

Insurance:

Premiums	\$ 537 30	
Refunds	1,788 32	
	-----	2,325 62

Beverage Permits, to Town	80 00
Conservation Commission	60 00
Rescue Squad, Payment for Services to Mont Vernon	1,425 00
State of N.H., Credit Civil Preparedness	374 43
Souhegan Sanitary Landfill	4,000 00
State of N.H., Human Development Grant	1,834 53
Town Poor Recovery	535 30

State of New Hampshire:

Gas Subsidy	\$36,036 77	
Business Profits Tax	23,081 76	
Interest & Dividends Tax	70,096 53	
Rooms & Meals Tax	50,680 66	
Bank Stock	8,447 10	
Old Age Recovery	416 64	
	-----	188,759 46

		\$3,686,738 22

Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 1976	73,951 77
Revenue to the General Fund	3,686,738 22
Tax Anticipation Notes	800,000 00
Certificates of Deposits to General Fund	1,061,297 37
Excess Town Funds Savings to General Fund	606,458 93
Conservation Commission Savings to General Fund	238 81
Fire Station Savings Account to General Fund	20,298 00
Baboosic Lake Park Savings to General Fund	1,735 33
Police Savings to General Fund	1,000 00
Revenue Sharing Savings to General Fund	37,555 78
Bon Terrain Savings Account to General Fund	4,008 58
Ginrik Savings Account to General Fund	2,196 35

	\$6,295,479 14

General Funds transferred to Savings, per order Selectmen 12-31-76	—1,235,000 00
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	\$5,060,479 14
Payment of Tax Anticipation Notes plus Interest per order Selectmen 12-15-76	—800,000 00
	—12,786 10
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	\$4,247,693 04
Selectmen's Orders Paid	4,069,514 84
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Balance in General Fund 12-31-76	\$ 178,178 20
Balance in Bank 12-31-76	\$ 43,557 70
Deposits not credited	520,648 40
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	\$ 564,206 10
Outstanding Checks	36,237 91
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	\$ 527,974 19
Transferred to Savings, not credited	350,000 00
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	\$ 177,974 19
Adjustment not credited	204 01
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	\$ 178,178 20

Investments in Certificate of Deposit — 1976

C.D.'s invested Jan. 1, 1976	\$1,087,236 43
Interest earned 1976	18,556 86
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	\$1,105,793 29
Transferred to General Funds	\$1,061,297 37
Interest transferred to Savings	16,497 57
C.D. No. 955, Conservation Land Trust, transferred to Special Savings	7,031 52
C.D. No. 951, Landfill Account	20,966 83
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	\$1,105,793 29

1976 Investments in Certificates of Deposit

C.D. #	Amount	Interest	To Gen. Fund	To Savings
916	\$300,000.00	\$1,420.86	\$300,000.00	\$1,420.86
917	200,000.00	3,931.27	200,000.00	3,931.27
918	200,000.00	3,062.50	200,000.00	3,062.50
919	250,000.00	5,401.04	250,000.00	5,401.04
925	100,000.00	2,681.90	100,000.00	2,681.90
955*	6,654.25	377.27		
951†	30,582.18	1,682.02	11,297.37	
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	\$1,087,236.43	\$18,556.86	\$1,061,297.37	\$16,497.57

*\$ 7,031.52 to Special Savings

†\$20,966.83 to C.D.

1976 Investments in Escrow and Savings Accounts

Bon Terrain Escrow

Balance 1-1-76	\$3,829 27
Interest	179 31
Transferred to Gen. Fund	4,008 58
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Balance	\$4,008 58

Lorden Lumber Escrow

Opening Balance 11-17-76	\$75 00	
Interest	43	
Balance 12-31-76	<hr/>	75 43

Peter Koster Escrow

Opening Balance 11-19-76	\$240 00	
Interest	1 30	
Balance 12-31-76	<hr/>	241 30

Baboosic Lake Park Savings		
Balance 1-1-76	\$ 506 18	
Deposits	1,992 55	
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	\$2,498 73	
Withdrawals	1,735 33	
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	\$ 763 40	
Interest	51 75	
Balance 12-31-76	<hr/>	815 15
New Fire Station Savings		
Balance 1-1-76	\$20,553 97	
Interest	431 23	
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	\$20,985 20	
Transferred to Gen. Funds	20,298 00	
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	\$ 687 20	
Transferred to Excess Town Funds Savings	687 20	
Balance	<hr/>	<hr/>
Amherst Conservation Commission Savings		
Balance 1-1-76	\$4,517 69	
Gifts:		
Amherst Gardeners	200 00	
Amherst Survey Assoc.	150 00	
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	\$4,867 69	
Withdrawals	837 75	
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	\$4,029 94	
Interest	222 93	
Balance 12-31-76	<hr/>	4,252 87

Amherst Police Savings		
Opening Balance — Gift	1,000 00	
Gifts	125 00	
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	\$1,125 00	
Withdrawals	1,000 00	
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	\$ 125 00	
Interest	14 30	
Balance 12-31-76	<hr/>	139 30

Conservation Land Trust		
Opening Balance 12-31-76, Transfer from DC No. 955		7,031 52

Excess Town Funds Savings		
Balance 1-1-76	\$ 50,095 98	
Deposits	552,184 77	
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	\$602,280 75	
Withdrawals	572,309 00	
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	\$ 29,971 75	
Interest	4,178 18	
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Balance 12-7-76	34,149 93	
Transferred to Gen. Fund	\$ 34,149 93	
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Excess Town Funds Savings		
Opening Balance 12-30-76	\$550,000 00	
Deposit	685,000 00	
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	\$1,235,000 00	
Interest	196 05	
Balance 12-31-76	<hr/>	1,235,196 05
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Total Investments in Escrow & Savings		\$1,247,751 62

Federal Revenue Sharing Entitlements

Unexpended Balance 12/31/75	\$ 4,693 42
Unappropriated Funds 12/31/75	9,083 96
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Balance 12/31/75	\$13,777 38

1976 Entitlements	
Received 1/6/76	\$ 8,218 00
Received 4/5/76	8,218 00
Received 7/14/76	8,219 00
Received 10/5/76	12,097 00
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	36,752 00
Interest Earned	1,243 44
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Total Available	\$51,772 82

	Unexpend. Bal.	Approp.	Expend.
Article 17			
Chipper	434 00		
Article 18			
Cruiser	4,259 42		4,259 42
Article 10			
Budget		20,175 00	20,175 00
Article 11			
Books		1,500 00	1,500 00
Article 12			
Hgw. Truck		8,000 00	8,000 00
Article 13			
Cruiser		4,500 00	
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	\$4,693 42	\$34,175 00	\$33,934 42

Total Expended	33,934 42
Unexpended Balances	4,934 00
Unappropriated Funds	12,904 40
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Total	\$51,772 82

1976 Revenue Sharing Savings Account

Balance 1-1-76	\$ 17,398 74
Entitlement — 4-8-76	8,218 00
Entitlement — 7-14-76	8,219 00
Entitlement — 10-5-76	12,097 00
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	\$ 45,932 74
Interest	1,243 44
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	\$ 47,176 18
Transferred to General Funds	29,337 78
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Balance 12-31-76	\$ 17,838 40

Schedule A

Cash in the hands of the Treasurer	
on Deposit in the General Fund 1-1-77	\$ 178,178 20
CD No. 951 — Landfill Account	20,966 83
Excess Town Funds in Savings	1,235,196 05
Baboosic Lake Park Savings	815 15
Conservation Commission Savings	4,252 87
Conservation Commission —	
Land Trust Savings	7,031 52
Amherst Police Department Savings	139 30
Revenue Sharing Savings	17,838 40
Lorden Lumber Escrow	75 43
Peter Koster Escrow	241 30
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	\$1,464,735 05

Detailed Statement of Payments

Town Officers' Salaries

Gross Appropriation	\$13,100 00
Accounts payable	25 00

	\$13,125 00

Expended:

Auditors	\$ 400 00
Trustee of Funds	250 00
Treasurer	1,500 00
Tax Collector	4,500 00
Town Clerk	750 00
Selectmen, Chairman	1,500 00
Selectmen	4,400 00
Accounts payable, E. C. Masten	25 00

Total Expended	\$ 13,325 00
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Town Office Expense

Gross Appropriation	\$36,344 00
Income to Dept.	\$528 15
Permits & Lic.	105 00

	633 15

	\$36,977 15

Expended:

Office Supplies	\$ 2,457 39
Equipment Repairs	264 28
Telephone	2,314 34
Advertising	820 25
Fees	693 33
Dues	1,036 23
Appraisal	2,310 64
C.P.D.	1,500 00
Meeting Expense	306 91
New Equipment	2,148 40
Town Reports	4,463 74
Printing	307 60
Records	312 00
Mileage	751 20
Equipment Rental	1,371 93

R.S.A.	10 00
Postage	1,522 85
Miscellaneous	557 80
Secretary	6,607 78
Clerical	7,096 14
Town Clerk	500 00
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Total Expended	\$ 35,352 81
Accounts Payable	2,200 00
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	\$ 37,552 81

Election Expenses

Gross Appropriation	\$3,000 00
Income	274 01
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	\$3,274 01

Expended:	
Supplies	\$ 91 71
Advertising	102 00
Booths	827 86
Printing	294 00
Moderator	137 50
Supervisor	314 88
Miscellaneous	13 11
Ballot Clerk	2,006 25
Postage	87 17
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Total Expended	\$ 3,874 48
Accounts Payable	822 00
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	\$ 4,696 48

Legal

Gross Appropriation	\$6,000 00
Expended:	
Legal Fees	\$ 8,999 99
Retainer	1,250 00
Witness Fees	250 00
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Total Expended	\$ 10,499 99

Mapping

Gross Appropriation	\$2,000 00	
Income	198 50	
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	\$2,198 50	
Expended:		
James Sewell	\$	1,608 30
Herns Bros.		127 50
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Total Expended	\$	1,735 80

Street Lighting

Gross Appropriation	\$5,800 00	
Expended:		
Public Service	\$	4,833 98

Memorial Day

Gross Appropriation	\$ 600 00	
Expended:		
Bands	\$	500 00
Notice		4 83
Flowers		48 05
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Total Expended	\$	552 88

Fourth of July

Gross Appropriation	\$2,365 00	
Estimated Income	\$165 00	
Actual Income	115 00	
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	-50 00	
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	\$2,315 00	

Available

Expended:	\$	2,202 22
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Brick School

Gross Appropriation	\$6,094 00	
Inc. Est. Income	\$1,390 00	
Actual Income	1,650 00	
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	+260 00	
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	\$6,354 00	

Expended:	
Janitor	\$ 1,794 00
Fuel	1,153 78
Electricity	566 64
Water	30 00
Maint. Supplies	82 41
Repairs	395 05
Rubbish	203 50
Miscellaneous	30 00
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Total Expended	\$ 4,255 38

	<i>Town Hall</i>	
Gross Appropriation		\$9,259 00
Income	\$ 20 12	
From Contingency	1,157 34	
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		<hr/>
		\$ 10,436 46

Expended:	
Janitor	\$ 1,794 00
Extra Janitor	45 00
Electricity	1,600 89
Fuel	1,278 02
Water	30 00
Maint. Supplies	522 41
Rubbish	110 00
Clock	90 00
Bldg. Repairs	812 79
Xmas Tree	46 60
Parking Area	396 00
Miscellaneous	87 92
Renovations	3,522 34
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Total Expended	\$ 10,335 97

	<i>Dog Control</i>	
Gross Appropriation		\$3,375 00
Est. Income	\$2,800 00	
Actual Income	2,675 60	
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		\$3,250 60

Expended:	
Dog Care	\$ 1,151 00
Tags	136 46
Advertising	30 00
Printing	115 00
Mileage	240 00
Dog Warden	800 00
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Total Expended	\$ 2,472 46

Tree Committee

Appropriation	\$3,000 00
Accounts Payable	150 00
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	\$3,150 00

Expended:	
Spraying	\$ 85 00
Planting	501 00
Tree Care	600 00
Tree Removal	420 00
Acct. Payable	150 00
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	\$ 1,756 00
Acct. Payable	400 00
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Total Expended	\$ 2,156 00

Conservation Commission

Appropriated	\$1,500 00
Income	98 81
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	\$1,598 81

Expended:	
Supplies & Postage	\$ 82 01
Dues NH Assoc.	80 00
Brochure	250 00
CCY Tuition	329 00
Surveying	200 00
Miscellaneous	303 84
File	128 13
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Total Expended	\$ 1,372 98

	<i>Library</i>	
Appropriation		\$38,115 00
Expended:		
Amherst Town Library		\$ 38,115 00
	<i>Regional Planning</i>	
Appropriation		\$1,200 00
Expended:		
Nashua Reg. Planning		\$ 1,151 00
	<i>Health</i>	
Appropriation		\$500 00
Expended:		
Dr. James Starkey		\$ 500 00
	<i>Souhegan Nursing</i>	
Appropriation		\$1,500 00
Expended:		
Souhegan Nursing		\$ 1,500 00
	<i>Vital Statistics</i>	
Appropriation		\$100 00
Expended:		
Bernice Boothroyd		\$ 78 00
	<i>Nashua Mental Health</i>	
Appropriation		\$1,000 00
Expended:		
Nashua Mental Health		\$ 1,000 00
	<i>Veteran's Aid</i>	
Appropriation		\$500 00
Expended:		0 00
	<i>Old Age Assistance</i>	
Appropriation		\$6,000 00
Expended:		
State of N.H.		\$ 6,602 41
	<i>Interest</i>	
Appropriation		\$16,000 00
Expended:		
Meric Arnold		\$ 2,033 53
Souhegan National Bank		12,786 10
Total Expended		<hr/> \$ 14,819 63

Planning Board

Appropriation	\$4,800 00
Est. Income	\$ 700 00
Actual Income	1,281 50
	+581 50
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	\$5,381 50

Expended:

Clerical	\$ 608 25
Supplies	176 27
Advertising	1,538 70
Fees	106 33
Equipment	176 45
Printing	125 00
Xerox	277 08
Postage	1,072 69
Miscellaneous	25 00

Total Expended	\$ 4,105 77
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Zoning Administrator

Appropriation	\$22,130 00
Est. Income	\$20,000 00
Actual Income	35,588 83
	----- +15,588 83
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	\$37,718 83

Expended:

Supplies	\$ 150 32
Spec. Equip.	92 28
Printing	309 10
Travel	1,983 10
Postage	54 63
Miscellaneous	34 50
Zoning Administrator	12,355 20
Building Inspector	6,480 00
Xerox	69 27
Refunds	723 60

Total Expended	\$ 22,252 00
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Civil Defense

Appropriation	\$1,185 00
Expended:	
Office Supplies	\$ 50 00
Equipment Rep.	125 00
Communications	109 84
Equipment	256 20
Director Ex.	135 96
Miscellaneous	591 57

Total Expended	\$ 1,180 07

Social Security

Appropriation	\$16,450 00
Expended:	
State of N.H. F.I.C.A.	\$ 10,785 02

Retirement

Appropriation	\$4,575 00
Expended:	
State of N.H. — Retirement	\$ 4,933 03

Hydrant Rental

Appropriation	\$1,875 00
Expended:	
Amherst Village District	\$ 1,755 00
Town of Milford	120 00

	\$ 1,875 00

Board of Adjustment

Appropriation	\$1,000 00
Income	156 45

	\$1,156 45
Expended:	
Clerical	\$ 166 50
Supplies	13 05
Advertising	684 00

Postage	305 74
Miscellaneous	57 73
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Total Expended	\$ 1,227 02

Police

Appropriation	\$111,438 00
Accounts Payable	74 00

	Est.	Actual
Income		
Pistol Permits	175	\$ 168 00
Reports	300	263 00
Bikes	1,000	602 50
Gifts	1,000	1,000 00
Gas Refund	800	512 34
Misc.	100	869 70
Grants	8,681	9,383 52
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	12,056	\$12,799 06

Acct. Rec. Spec. Duty	300 00
Special Duty	6,058 81
Insurance	1,037 77
Highway Safety	1,540 00
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	12,056	\$21,735 64	9,679 64
Accounts Payable			808 00

\$121,999 64

Expended:	
Full Time	\$ 64,310 53
Part Time	6,494 78
Traffic Aide	3,979 72
Clerical	6,138 51
Cadet	958 00
Overtime	3,956 76
Private Duty	6,220 18
Supplies	96 94
Equip. Rep.	1,208 25
Telephone	1,420 17
Gas	7,464 73
Grease & Oil	145 90

Tires	906 46
Tools & Equip.	1,737 60
Notices	40 00
Assoc. Dues & Exp.	45 00
Board & Care	8 77
Medical	35 00
Radio Rep.	1,127 78
Major Rep.	3,498 01
Bike Tags	139 82
Med. Tests	75 00
Film	172 22
Uniform	1,769 98
Ammunition	30 00
Cleaning	1,269 04
Mutual Aid	138 00
Office Equip.	12 00
Conference	150 00
Vice Money	26 06
Officer Bill	9 79
New Equipment	5,276 84
Printing	502 45
Subscriptions	28 50
Mileage & Misc.	57 60
Equip. Leasing	184 72
R.S.A.	10 00
Postage	145 43
Training	108 75
Miscellaneous	586 01
Highway Safety	1,320 00
Radar	1,898 00
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Total Expended	\$123,703 30

	<i>Baboosic</i>		
Appropriation			\$ 12,807 00
Income	Est.	Actual	
Conc. Oper.	\$ 275	\$1,226 71	
Rent	500	350 00	
Games	1,000	1,103 20	
Dances	1,220	1,556 50	

Swim Lessons	200	450 00	
Registrations	3,500	3,436 75	
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	\$6,695	\$8,123 16	
Cookout		\$ 452 90	
Auction		228 30	
Swimathon		524 50	
Conc. Rent		150 00	
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	\$6,695	\$9,478 86	2,783 86
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			\$ 15,590 86
Expended:			
Equip. Rep.		\$ 327 71	
Lights		543 97	
Telephone		165 79	
Water		48 02	
Sanding		240 00	
Advertising		132 08	
Fire Ext.		14 50	
Dance Exp.		199 87	
First Aid		6 79	
Toilet Supplies		85 69	
Septic		513 55	
Arts & Crafts		63 15	
Bull horn		74 72	
Printing		22 00	
Bldg. Rep.		156 35	
Opening		51 29	
Refuse		20 00	
Dock		2,299 58	
Concession		666 05	
Games		360 03	
I.D. Tags		204 21	
Cookout		448 23	
Director		1,100 00	
Lifeguard		3,948 00	
Swimming Inst.		700 00	
Arts & Crafts		570 00	
Gate Att.		172 00	

Concession	545 64
Total Expended	13,679 22
Accounts Payable	1,001 21
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	\$ 14,680 43

	<i>Recreation</i>		
Appropriation			\$ 13,820 00
Income	Est.	Actual	
Tennis	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,014 50	
Softball	100	196 00	
Baseball	200	278 00	
Basketball	75	178 00	
Soccer	50	172 00	
Golf	150	135 00	
Grant	4,725	6,027 70	
Rev. Sharing	4,550	4,550 00	
Dept. Inc.		23 00	
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	\$11,350	\$13,574 20	
Acct. Payable		107 35	
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	\$11,350	\$13,681 55	2,331 55
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			\$ 16,151 55

Expended:	
Director	\$ 9,100 00
Water	67 50
Telephone	79 10
Meetings & Dues	84 40
M.A. Assoc.	100 00
Printing	12 22
Mileage	252 24
Postage	31 02
Golf	135 00
Football	300 00
Softball	273 14
Baseball	799 19
Soccer	212 20
Tennis	2,106 52

Basketball	199 42
Miscellaneous	361 23
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Total Expended	\$ 14,113 18

Ambulance

Appropriation	\$7,235 00
Est. Income	\$1,900
Act. Income	1,900
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	0 00
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	\$7,235 00
Expended:	
Equip. Rep.	\$ 504 93
M.V. Fuel	415 79
Spec. Equip.	3,311 21
Dues & Sub.	58 00
M.V. Reg.	546 36
Clothing	28 00
Office Supp.	256 03
Mach.	1,805 00
Travel	19 20
Training	371 47
Miscellaneous	168 43
Postage	105 96
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Total Expended	\$ 7,590 38

Fire

Appropriation	\$53,580 00
Income	\$401 90 401 90
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	\$53,981 90
Expended:	
Salaries	\$ 4,400 00
Supplies	413 96
Equipment	7,161 25
Equip. Rep.	556 06
Electricity	1,061 30
Telephone	439 71
Water	37 50

Fuel Oil	2,250 29
Gasoline	224 50
Repairs	2,725 15
Fire & Train.	9,583 22
Bldg. Main.	1,427 08
Radio Rep.	553 33
Water Hole	1,000 00
Misc.	143 65
Fire Prot. Team	484 02
Tires	338 28
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Reserve	\$ 32,844 30
	20,000 00
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Total Expended	\$ 52,844 30

Insurance

Appropriation	\$31,960 00
Income	3,866 18
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	\$35,876 18
Expended:	
Bonds	\$ 623 00
SMP	4,529 00
Baboosic	557 00
Vehicle Liab.	4,793 00
Life & Dis.	3,546 69
Police Liab.	815 30
Officer Liab.	720 00
Sp. Police	663 00
Blue Cross	12,017 86
Workman Comp.	6,332 40
Advertisement	8 00
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Total Expended	\$ 34,605 25

Town Poor

Appropriation	\$9,000 00
Recovery	545 30
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	\$9,545 30

Expended:

Case No. 1	\$ 650 66
Case No. 2	2,606 22
Case No. 3	1,620 33
Case No. 4	7 80
Case No. 5	20 22
Case No. 6	89 30
Case No. 7	25 46
Case No. 8	750 50
Case No. 9	385 15
Case No. 10	158 00
Case No. 11	316 83
Case No. 12	100 33
Welfare Officer	150 00
Supplies	15 00
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Total Expended	\$ 6,895 80

Debt Service

Article No. 13, of 1974 — Land Fill

Balance 1-1-76 \$ 33,892 21

Expended:

Merle Arnold Land acct. 11,297 37

Balance \$ 22,594 84

Article No. 20 of 1975 — Fire Truck

Appropriation \$ 5 00

Returned to General Fund \$5 00

Article No. 22 of 1975 — Tennis Court

Appropriation \$ 14,913 65

Federal Grant 1,086 35

Total Available \$ 16,000 00

Expended:

Jack Somers \$16,000 00

Balance \$ 0 00

Article No. 19 of 1974 — Master Planning
 Appropriation forwarded \$612 57

Expended:
 Nashua Reg. Planning \$ 612 57

Article 17 — Wood Chipper
 Appropriation forwarded \$434 00

Expended:
 Returned to Revenue Sharing \$ 434 00

Article 18 of 1975 — Cruiser
 Appropriation forwarded \$4,259 42

Expended:
 Hackler-Chrysler \$ 4,259 42

Article No. 19 — Ambulance
 Appropriation forwarded \$230 95

Expended: \$ 223 50
 Balance returned to Gen. Fund 7 45

Total Expended \$ 230 95

Article No. 12 of 1973 — Conservation Land
 Appropriation forwarded \$6,100 00

Expended: 0 00
 Appropriation forwarded \$ 6,100 00

Article 15 of 1974 — Fire Station
 Appropriation forwarded \$ 3,884 29

Expended:
 Interest ret. to Gen. Fund \$ 255 72
 Expended 2,735 08

\$2,990 80
 Accounts Payable 785 00

 \$ 3,775 80

Balance returned to General Fund \$ 108 49

Article 19 — Bicentennial

Appropriation	\$ 3,790 00
Balance Forwarded	1,000 00
Estimated Income	\$1,895 00
Actual Income	4,278 80
	----- 2,383 80

Total Available	\$ 7,173 80
Expended	\$ 7,218 90

Article No. 20 — Common

Appropriation	\$7,200 00
Expended:	
Joe Luongo	\$ 7,200 00

Article No. 22 — Alarm

Appropriation	\$11,300 00
Expended:	0 00
Forwarded to 1977	\$ 11,300 00

Article No. 23 — Retirement

Appropriation	\$28,000 00
Amount Forwarded	3,530 78

	\$31,530 78
Expended:	
Consulting Actuary	\$ 136 00
Travelers Insurance	21,272 55

	\$21,408 55
Forwarded to General Fund	\$ 10,122 23

Article No. 15 — Capital Reserve

Appropriation	\$18,000 00
Expended:	
Trustees of the Trust Funds	\$ 18,000 00

Article No. 16 — Conservation Land

Appropriation	\$15,000 00
To be returned to General Fund	\$ 15,000 00

Article No. 20 — Tennis Courts

Appropriation	\$25,000 00	
Expended:		
Jack Somers	\$	1,250 00
Union Leader		41 51
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	\$	1,291 51
Balance Forwarded	\$	23,708 49

Article No. 18 — Master Planning

Appropriation	\$5,000 00	
Expended:		
Nashua Regional Planning	\$	328 80
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Balance forwarded	\$	4,671 20

Article No. 11 — Library Books

Appropriation	\$1,500 00	
Expended:		
Town Library	\$	1,500 00

Article No. 12 — Highway Truck

Appropriation	\$8,000 00	
Expended:		
Radio	\$	765 00
Radio Rep.		9 35
Ads		4 00
McKenzie Motors		5,995 00
Equipment		1,226 65
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	\$	8,000 00

Article No. 13 — Cruiser

Appropriation	\$4,500 00	
Balance forwarded to 1977	\$	4,500 00

Road Improvements

Appropriation	\$12,000 00	
Income	1,443 00	
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	\$13,443 00	

Expended:		
Supplies		
Outside Hire		\$ 13,489 15

Contingency

Appropriation	\$5,000 00
Trans. to Town Hall	-1,157 34
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Amount Available	\$3,842 66

Expended:		
Thomas Sasdi	\$	1,200 00
Tenney Clough		50 00
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	\$	1,250 00

Accounts Payable:		
Thomas Moran	\$	1,500 00
Thomas Sasdi		1,092 66
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	\$	2,592 66

County of Hillsboro

Appropriation	\$163,161 45
Expended:	\$163,161 45

Amherst Village District

Appropriation	\$3,043 03
Expended:	\$ 3,043 03

Amherst School District

Expended:		
On account of 1975-76 appropriation	\$1,489,902 02	
On account of 1976-77 appropriation	866,011 00	
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	\$1,355,913 02	

Balance due School District	\$1,730,310 93
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Yield Tax

Expended:		
State of New Hampshire	\$	48 81
<i>Taxes Bought by Town</i>		

Expended:		
Amherst Tax Collector	\$105,818 58	

Souhegan Regional Land Fill

Appropriation	\$58,683 45
Expended	\$ 37,841 50
Due 1977	20,841 95
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	\$ 58,683 43

Refunds

Expended	\$ 11,386 71
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Abatements

Expended	\$ 1,868 84
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Town Clerk's Auto Account

Expended:	
Town Clerk's Salary	\$ 7,849 00
Refunds	432 67
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	\$ 8,281 67

Amherst Highway Department

General Expense — 5400

Appropriation	\$24,520 00
Income	1,771 12
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Total Available	\$26,291 12

Expended:

Personal Services	\$ 3,451 50
Supplies	3,617 95
Equipment Repairs	3,183 94
Electricity	687 35
Telephone	452 99
Heat	707 17
Diesel Fuel	1,005 31
Oil and Grease	319 55
Tires	970 08
Gasoline	6,676 62
Tools and Equipment	76 14
Building Maintenance	140 51
Radio	150 15
Motor Vehicle Repairs	3,550 87

Signs and Street Markings	1,181 01
Clerical Expense	29 83
Miscellaneous	407 86
Major Equipment	765 00
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	\$ 27,373 33

Oiling — 5402

Appropriation	\$50,420 00
Income	900 00
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Total Available	\$51,320 00

Expended:

Personal Service	\$ 5,752 90
Supplies	374 25
Asphalt, Cold Patch	34,664 25
Hired Equipment	9,244 00
Equipment Repairs	606 28
Sand	792 00
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	\$ 51,433 68

Summer Maintenance — 5403

Appropriation	\$47,428 00
Income	6,445 79
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Total Available	\$53,873 79

Expended:

Personal Services	\$ 32,872 85
Supplies	2,343 03
Gravel	4,271 99
Tools and Equipment	134 30
Hired Equipment	11,147 75
Pipe	1,074 87
Signs and Street Markings	70 00
Sand	630 82
Miscellaneous	158 60
Equipment Repairs	141 90
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	\$ 52,846 11

	Winter Maintenance — 5404
Appropriation	\$88,637 00
Income	35 00
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Total Available	\$88,672 00

Expended:	
Personal Services	\$ 30,382 79
Supplies	2,962 39
Equipment Repairs	5,930 65
Tires	123 65
Asphalt, Tarvia	348 05
Stone	23 89
Gravel	45 09
Sand	3,220 25
Salt	28,959 75
Hired Equipment	19,626 13
Pipe	30 10
Posts	30 00
Major Equipment	1,732 50
Radio	30 00
Miscellaneous	21 81
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	\$ 93,467 05

	Grader Fund — 5407
Appropriation	\$3,000 00
Expended	\$ 3,000 00

	T.R.A. — 5409
Appropriation	\$2,111 98
Expended:	
State of New Hampshire	\$ 2,111 98

	Gas Subsidy — 5410
Appropriation	\$36,059 84
Expended:	
Personal Services	\$ 4,028 40
Gravel	11,767 46

Pipe	826 64
Hired Equipment	11,659 40
Supplies	6 00
Sand	920 00
Asphalt	6,448 68
Engineering	512 00
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	\$ 36,168 58

Parks & Playgrounds — 5601

Appropriation	\$5,720 00
Income	126 00
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Total Available	\$5,846 00

Expended:

Personal Services	\$ 4,557 78
Supplies	322 84
Hired Equipment	489 00
Repairs	185 01
Miscellaneous	150 00
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	\$ 5,704 63

Cemeteries — 5900

Appropriation	\$8,234 00
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Expended:

Personal Services	\$ 6,354 30
Supplies	110 86
Repairs & Equipment	362 30
Electricity	108 59
Water	15 00
Hired Equipment	316 31
Plant Maintenance	375 99
Dues	5 00
Major Equipment	199 00
Loam	189 00
Miscellaneous	115 00
Tree Disposal	63 00
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	\$ 8,214 65

Report of Highway Agent

For the benefit of the new residents of Amherst, your Highway Garage is located on Dodge Road. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, Monday through Friday. Our work day is from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. During storms, we try to have one of our personnel answering telephone calls at 673-2317. Your Road Agent's home telephone is 673-1293. There are nine regular employees: one road agent, one heavy equipment operator, four light equipment operators and three laborers. During the summer, five college or high school boys are hired part-time. Major equipment owned by the Town includes one grader, one tractor, loader, mower combination, three five-ton trucks and one one-ton truck. Our responsibilities are approximately 118 miles of road, care of the Town Commons, all playgrounds, all outside maintenance of four school yards, four cemeteries and some work at the Landfill.

The following is a summarized report of this department's activities during 1976.

Winter Maintenance — Appropriation \$88,637.00

The winter maintenance program covers all the Highway Department work from about December first to the middle of March. All road clearing due to snow and ice (32 storms) is charged to this account. We have approximately 118 miles of roads to care for with five hired trucks with plows, one Town tractor, four Town trucks and one grader. We have tried to give school bus routes and areas where children walk to school or to meet buses special attention. We also clear snow from some sidewalks in the village as well as snow removal from both the Wilkins and Clark Schools, the Fire Station, Library, Old Brick School and the Town Hall.

The other main work done in winter consists of cutting trees and brush. Areas where future construction is contemplated are included in this program. During the winter of '75-'76, brush and trees were cut on Mont Vernon Road, Boston Post Road North, and Eaton Road. Our new chipper eliminated the costly hauling of brush to the landfill site.

Sand is being used in larger amounts in order to cut the

use of rock salt, in the name of ecology, but this does not save money and it takes longer to make the roads safe for travel. Also, this method of ice control will require more clean-up in the spring than the use of just salt for ice control. The cooperation of the public in the form of reduced speed is also necessary during storm periods in order for this program to work.

Summer Maintenance — Appropriation \$47,428.00

All general maintenance from the middle of March to December 1 is covered under this account. Included is the grading, use of the York rake on 34 gravel roads several times, cutting banks and ditches, spot graveling, the maintenance and replacement of culverts, setting posts, signs, etc. on all roads. Also the maintenance of shoulders throughout the black road system and the machine and hand cutting of brush in the summer.

In 1976, several roads were spot graveled. They were: County Road, Stearns Road, Austin Road, Col. Wilkins Road, Dodge Road, School House Road and Old Milford Road. Culverts were replaced on: Mont Vernon Road, School House Road, River Road, Chestnut Hill Road and Horace Greeley Road. Brush was hand cut on approximately 112 miles of road, and some areas were done a second time. Brush was hand cut on: Souhegan Avenue, Eaton Road, Christian Hill Road, Stearns Road, Col. Wilkins Road, Walnut Hill Road and at corners and intersections. Approximately 60 dead trees were removed in various areas of town.

Many hours were spent replacing street signs. Four weeks were spent cleaning ditches and culverts during the Fall months.

Oiling — Appropriation \$50,420.00

Under this account 24.6 miles of road were resurfaced at a cost of \$28,415.30 for asphalt alone. The roads were: Aglipay Drive, Brook Road, Buckridge Drive, Camp Road, Chestnut Hill, Cricket Hill and Town Crier Road, Dodge Road, Highland Drive, Horace Greeley Road, Junkins Lane, Lord Jeffrey Drive, Mack Hill Road, south end, Martingale and Melendy Hill, Melody Lane, Merrimack Road, east end, North Meadow Road and Northfield, Oak Hill Road, Old Manchester Road, Pettingale Road, Pine Road, Pinnacle Road, Rocky Hill, Satan Ledge, Seaverns Bridge Road,

Stearns Road, Truell Road, Walnut Hill Road, Willow Lane, Woodland Drive, Woodbine Lane, Christian Hill Road, Mont Vernon Road.

The cost of patching all black roads and sweeping of all roads to be re-oiled is covered under this oiling appropriation. 8,700 gallons of waste oil were applied to gravel roads where dust is a problem.

Town Road Aid — Appropriation \$16,191.87

T.R.A. is a program started in 1947 by the State to help towns improve their roads. Money for this account is raised on a 15% town cost and 85% State aid. Supervision is jointly held by the State and the Road Agent. Under this account money was spent on: the gravel section of Stearns Road and Spring Road near the Alger home.

Gas Subsidy — Appropriation \$36,059.84

This is a program started in 1971 by the State to help towns improve their roads and the care of their roads. Money for this account is 100% State aid. Under this program, 1,500 feet of Mont Vernon Road was completely rebuilt, 800 feet of Lake Road was completely rebuilt, and Stearns Road was completed.

Road Improvement — Appropriation \$12,000.00

Money under this account was spent on shimming the following roads: Merrimack Road from the junction of Boston Post Road South, north to the junction of Corduroy Road; junction of Nichols Road and Merrimack Road; Horace Greeley Road from the Cider Mill to McKuskie's house. Water bars were installed at the bridge on Camp Road. Culvert installed at Beaver Brook Circle and ditch was hot topped by the Mogavero residence on Boston Post Road South.

Parks and Playgrounds — Appropriation \$5,720.00

Money under this account is spent to maintain eight town commons, two playgrounds, the Old Brick School yard, Wilkins and Clark School grounds. Some of the work at the Library comes under this account. This work consists of raking and picking up leaves, mowing and trimming the grass, care of the park fences, and the constant picking up of

papers, etc. from the lawns. Town trash barrels are placed in these areas during the summer and have helped keep our village picked up. The children who have used the parks have been considerate and have used the trash barrels.

All work connected with the Bicentennial Fourth of July Celebration was charged to this account.

Cemeteries — Appropriation \$8,234.00

Money for this account was spent to maintain the four cemeteries: Meadowview, the Old Cemetery by the Town Hall, Cricket Corner and Chestnut Hill Cemetery. Some of the work accomplished this year other than the regular raking, mowing and trimming of all cemeteries was: (a) a program of resetting all the stones in the older cemeteries has been started, and will continue in 1977; (b) at Cricket Corner Cemetery the fence was rebuilt and will be painted in 1977, and (c) many areas in Meadowview Cemetery were loamed and seeded.

There were 9 burials in Meadowview Cemetery and 1 burial in the Cricket Corner Cemetery.

I would like you, the taxpayer, to know that your Highway Department is doing everything possible to give you good service and to keep the cost of operation down. With this in mind, we have tried to assist various other departments whenever possible. We installed culverts and completed the drainage project at the Wilkins School, including reseeded of the lawn which had been dug up. We also repaired the driveway at the Wilkins School. We hauled sand to the beach at Baboosic Lake and also cut down trees around the beach area. We have spent several days at the Souhegan Landfill assisting them with various problems.

In closing this report, I would like to thank the Selectmen and the Road Commission for their guidance and help in 1976 and the taxpayers of Amherst for their support of the Department's programs.

Any comments and suggestions on how your Highway Department can better serve you, are welcomed.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD G. CROCKER, Highway Agent

Amherst Fire Department

Annual Report — 1976

The following is a summary of the Amherst Fire Department's 1976 activities.

The Department responded to 111 calls during the year, of which 4 were major structure fires, as compared to 99 calls last year with 3 major.

Amherst Fire Calls

Structure (minor)	2	Still alarm	4
Structure (major)	4	Furnace	2
Brush	14	Food on stove	1
Gash wash	7	Stove	2
Electrical	1	Bomb threat	1
Chimney	15	Hot water tank	
Home Alarm (no fire)	7	(Wilkins School)	1
Truck	1	Hot fat	1
Car	10	Gas fire (Country Club	1
Debris	2	Public Service Co.	
Wood pile	1	(wire)	5
Auto accident	2	Water heater	1
Couch	1	Tree	2
Gas pump	1	Dryer	2
Pillow	1	Trash	2
Smoke check	2	Grass	3

Mutual aid was received 5 times and supplied 16 times out of town.

The Amherst Fire Department is composed of four engine companies which man and equip two stations — our Central Station is in the village and the South Station on Stearns Road. Listed below are the stations, their equipment and officers:

Central Station

Engine One:

Captain Joe Luongo
Lt. David Hanlon

Engine Two:

Captain David Sliney
Lt. James Lawson

Engine Three:
Captain Robert Hall
Lt. Art McKenney

Engine Four:
A 1960 International 4-wheel drive brush truck.

Tanker No. 1:
A Military Vehicle, which has the water capacity of
2,000 gallons.

South Station

Engine Five:
Captain Fred Yunggebauer
Lt. Bankson Ritter

Tanker No. 2:
Same as Tanker No. 1 in Central Station

To report a fire, dial 673-3131. This is the number of the Communications Center which handles all fire calls for Amherst, Milford, Wilton and Mont Vernon, 24 hours a day. Please give property owner's name, the street name and the town when reporting a fire.

A combined drill with all Companies is held the first Monday of the month. Each Engine Company holds practice drill on one of the following Mondays of that month, with a Fire Ward in attendance.

The Wards wish to thank the members of the four Engine Companies for all their time and efforts in 1976. Also, our thanks to the Selectmen, Barbara Landry, and the people of Amherst for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

MARSHALL STRICKLAND, Chief
RICHARD CROCKER, 1st Assistant Chief
DAVID HERLIHY, JR., 2nd Assistant Chief

Fire Prevention Bureau

Annual Report

During the year members of the Bureau conducted twenty-three inspections of homes, businesses, schools and town buildings. Home inspections are done only at the request of the owner while other inspections are done on a scheduled basis. In addition to inspections, many visits were made to advise on installation of wood stoves and to examine chimneys and fireplaces.

Again this year the Amherst Bank and Trust Company sponsored the "Captain No Burn" program. The Bureau presented this program to students in the second, third and fourth grades during Fire Prevention Week. The Bureau also acquired a Walt Disney film which was shown to first grade students.

Two fire extinguisher courses were presented during the year: the first to members of the Rescue Squad and the general public and the second to members of the Explorer Scout Troop sponsored by the Police Department.

Considerable time and effort went into research and development of specifications for the fire alarm systems approved for the town buildings, Clark and Wilkins Schools.

Members of the Bureau are: William Alger, Peter Anderson, Bruce Bowler, Marty Champagne, Richard Heineke, James Lawson, Arthur McKinney, John Moorhouse, Walter Nelson, Michael Riccitelli, and Ted Riter.

The Bureau would like to thank all those who have worked and assisted the Bureau in its activities. Particular thanks to town officials, the Fire Wards and those who assisted with the fire alarm system.

MICHAEL RICCITELLI, Chairman

RICHARD R. HEINEKE, Secretary

Report of District Fire Chief and Town Forest Fire Warden

Since its beginning in 1893, the State Forestry Department has recognized the fact that forest fire prevention and suppression is a joint state and town or city responsibility. Local authorities recommend names of persons to the State Forester, who appoints one person as town or city fire warden and several other persons as town or city deputy fire wardens to a three year term.

The local forest fire warden controls the kindling of all outside fires, when the ground is not covered with snow, by issuing a written permit for kindling a fire. Permits are only issued at such times and in such places as the fire warden deems as safe.

The State Forest Fire Service trains the local forest fire organization in modern forest fire prevention and suppression tactics. The State also provides backup personnel and equipment for suppression and prevention activities.

The combination of State and local forces has resulted in one of the smallest acreage loss due to forest fires in the United States for the past 20 years.

1976 Forest Fire Statistics

	No. of Fires	No. of Acres
State	746	294
District	51	37
Town	17	1½

GILBERT E. TESTA, District Fire Chief

MARSHALL D. STRICKLAND, Forest Fire Warden

Amberst Police Department

Police Roster

Chief John T. Osborn, Jr.
Officer David Bode
Officer Richard Dolan
Officer Edward Gamache
Officer Garry MacGuire
Officer Steven Sexton
Officer Harold Wheeler
Special Officer Patrick Doherty
Special Officer Albert Junkins
Special Officer Robert McHatton
Special Officer/Clerk Dispatcher Nancy Chase
Special Officer/Dog Officer Raymond LeBlanc
Special Officer/Traffic Aide Suzanne Alger
Special Officer/Traffic Aide Nancy Demers
Special Officer/Traffic Aide Marion Pollock
1976 Summer Cadet:
Cadet Scott Trudo

Resigned during 1976:

Officer Robin Mangold
Traffic Aide Sylvia Martel
Traffic Aide Joann Osborn

Incidents reported to Police in 1976:

206 Accidents
254 Alarms
204 Arrests
6 Arson
1 Arson (Attempted)
11 Assault
1 Assault (Aggravated)
2 Assaults (on Police Officer)
176 Assist Motorist
5 Bad Checks
2 Blood Transfers
1 Bomb Threats

39	Burglaries
20	Cash Escorts
159	Criminal Mischief
3	Criminal Threats
12	Criminal Trespass
9	Death Reports
14	Disturbance
332	Dog Complaints
1	Drug Problem
60	Fire Calls
1	Fireworks Permit
93	Found Property
1	Indecent Exposure
1	Littering
38	Lost Property
147	Medical Assistance
812	Miscellaneous Incidents
23	Missing Persons/Attempt to Locate
167	Mutual Aid to other Departments
44	Nuisance Phone Calls
171	Open Doors/Windows
92	Pistol Permit Applications
13	Prowlers
6	Recovered Stolen Vehicles
2	Robbery
1	Shoplifting
63	Stray Livestock
2	Stolen Vehicles
140	Suspicious persons/Vehicles
119	Thefts
2	Theft of Services
18	Towed Vehicles/Abandoned Vehicles
71	Transfers (paperwork/persons)
3	Trespassing
2	Truancy
7	Use of Firearms by Police Officer
3593	Incidents Reported in 1976
2737	Incidents Reported in 1975
2058	Incidents Reported in 1974
1064	Incidents Reported in 1973
716	Incidents Reported in 1972

Arrests by Amherst Police in 1976:

Adults: 128

- 3 Assault
- 2 Assault on Police Officer
- 1 Bad Check
- 3 Burglary
- 1 Contributing to delinquency of minor
- 1 Criminal Trespass
- 1 Deserter
- 1 Disorderly Conduct
- 1 Driving under influence of drugs
- 3 Drunk
- 49 DWI
- 1 False Inspection Sticker
- 1 Failure to appear in court
- 1 Hindering apprehension
- 2 Hunting without license
- 4 Knowingly present controlled drugs
- 1 Operating after revocation
- 1 Operating after suspension
- 13 Possession of a controlled drug
- 3 Resisting Arrest
- 2 Safekeeping
- 11 Theft
- 2 Theft by unauthorized taking
- 1 Unreasonable speed
- 19 Warrants

Juveniles: 76

- 1 Accompanied Missing person
- 6 Arson
- 3 Burglary
- 9 Criminal Mischief
- 2 Criminal Trespassing
- 6 Disorderly Conduct
- 1 Driving to endanger
- 1 DWI
- 1 Escapee Y.D.C.
- 1 Escapee N.H. State Hospital
- 1 Fireworks
- 6 Incidents

- 1 Indecent Exposure
- 6 Knowingly present controlled drugs
- 1 Malicious damage
- 2 Missing person
- 13 Operating motorcycle without license
- 1 Operating motor vehicle without headgear
- 3 Possession of an alcoholic beverage
- 2 Possession of a controlled drug
- 1 Possession of a false I.D.
- 1 Shoplifting
- 4 Theft
- 2 Truancy
- 2 Unauthorized use of Motor vehicle

470 Total Summonses for 1976

1656 Total Warnings for 1976

2126 Total Driver Contacts for 1976

It is apparent that as Amherst grows so does the demand for services. In 1976, there were 856, or 33 percent, more incidents reported than the previous year. The first question to arise is: Are we gaining? It is my contention that we are. There was a dramatic decrease in the monetary value of property stolen for the year 1976 (\$25,519) as compared to 1975 (\$45,361.50) and an increase in property value recovered from \$3,493.28 to \$8,007. The percentages are good, above national average, but our goal is to reduce the loss even more.

Citizens continue to become involved. More intrusion alarms are being installed in homes and businesses and a new deterrent, the CBer is everywhere. Not only is this an asset for reporting accidents and stranded motorists, but the possibility of someone with a "rig" seeing unusual activity and reporting it enhances our chances of receiving accurate descriptions of persons and vehicles which ultimately could result in the apprehension of the villain. Yes, even "Smokey" reports aid us in slowing down speeders. Be careful, though, we might have our "ears on" as well as "taking pictures".

Public relations is important in any service-oriented or-

ganization. Emphasis on existing programs reflects the interest of those involved.

Our Law Enforcement Post No. 194 continues to grow. Youths from Amherst and surrounding communities seem to thrive in assisting the department and other agencies whenever their services are needed. The criminal justice-related subjects being taught aid in the indoctrination of our side of the problems society is encountering, and with this knowledge and exposure they, I believe, will be better citizens.

Officer Bill is still our most productive item. It seems the impression made when the officer enters the classroom and spends time with the children is everlasting. As these children grow, they seem to retain that relationship, and we hope that their respect for us and others remains.

Before school closed, we had our Bike Rodeo. Participation was high and a fine time was had by all. It is our wish that all, including adults, would practice the safe operating procedures throughout the year demonstrated while competing for the prizes.

One of the most difficult decisions to make is a selection of one individual from a group of outstanding and highly qualified applicants. This was our dilemma in the Cadet Program. Because of the interest shown and the caliber of those applying it is my desire to have two cadets in 1977.

With your support the goals outlined for 1976 were fulfilled. The hours of operation of the station were extended and patrol coverage was increased. This was to provide better service and make Amherst a safer place to live. Once again, I request another full-time officer. This would be a dual-purpose position. He would perform normal patrol functions in a second cruiser unless investigations, either criminal or juvenile, required attention and then he would be assigned these tasks. Presently the Chief is available as the backup unit during normal duty hours, and on Fridays during court if the officer on duty must testify, the Town is without police protection.

I wish to thank you all for the support received during my first year as Chief. It has been a privilege to have served you.

JOHN T. OSBORN, JR., Chief of Police

Dog Officer's Report

In 1976 there were 1207 licensed dogs in the Town of Amherst. With this in mind consider the number of dog complaints (332) or 1 for every 3.6 licensed dogs.

This problem requires many manhours and for that reason a dog officer was appointed on 5 April 1976. Thereby relieving other officers to perform their regular police duties.

To many, the dog problem may seem trivial, but to those involved, it can be a crisis. There is a possibility that your favorite pet may be the friendliest pooch you ever saw, but to your neighbor, it might be a monster. Claims of family pets killing or mutilating dogs, cats, fowl, rabbits, and even a cow, to the point it had to be destroyed, have been substantiated and restitution filed against the owners.

Dog owners are reminded, all dogs three months of age or older are required by law to be licensed.

Thank you for your cooperation during 1976 and I solicit your help in 1977.

RAYMOND LeBLANC, Dog Officer

Tree Committee Report

The functions of the Amherst Tree Committee are to oversee the care and maintenance of the trees and shrubs on the Commons, Streets and other Town owned land in the village; to select specimens for planting and to recommend and implement the removal and replacement of plants lost to damage, disease and age.

Once again this year, at no cost to the Town, trees which threatened utility lines were taken down by the Public Service Company. We recognize the co-existence of trees and wires as a continuing problem, one which we will attempt to minimize in the future by planting varieties of trees which will not outgrow the space in which they are planted. A mixed selection of deciduous flowering and shade trees and a few evergreen trees and shrubs have been ordered for spring planting. Some of these are replacements for trees removed this year; two are replacements for the memorial trees on the common by Moulton's.

The diligent and capable maintenance of lawns on the Town Commons by Road Agent, Richard Crocker, and his crew contributes greatly to the appearance of the village. However, the time is rapidly approaching when a decision must be made concerning the lawn on the oval common or Village Green. It is becoming a Town forest in which growing grass is neither easy nor practical.

We strongly support and approve the efforts of the Historic District Commission to have the web of overhead wires and cables in town put underground, particularly those above the newly renovated common across from Moulton's store. Their presence has caused the mutilation of fine specimen trees.

Recognition and thanks is due the citizens of the village who have nurtured and maintained the trees and shrubs on their own property. We gratefully acknowledge their contribution to our purpose.

ANNE COLBY HINES

JOSEPH A. LUONGO

Amherst Town Library Trustees' Report

The Amherst Town Library in the year 1976, continues to reflect the steady growth in our town. We had 753 new patrons register this year.

This year air-conditioning was installed and storm windows were added. Both were needed and certainly made the working conditions of the staff more comfortable and the browsing hours of the patrons more enjoyable.

At Town Meeting last March, the Library was granted \$1,500.00 from the Revenue Sharing Fund. This was to be used to upgrade and add to our collection. Two of the Trustees are reviewing sections of the collection and, by referring to the Standard Catalog and other resource materials, are suggesting new titles for consideration.

We are grateful to Mr. Ryland Cox who is a carpenter, an electrician, a furniture mover, a painter, a bulb changer, all rolled into one. He and Mr. Johnson do most of the odd jobs around the Library.

The Book Selection Committee spends many hours reading Library Journal, Publishers' Weekly, Booklist, New York Times Book Review, newspaper and magazine reviews, and visits many book stores selecting books and materials for our patrons. Suggestions are always welcome.

Our new draperies are a gift from the Friends of the Amherst Library. The Friends are an energetic group whose activities include story hour, a book and bake sale, book mending, decorating, book discussion, and a membership coffee. The Officers and Chairpersons are: Evelyn Dudley, Joan Hoxie, Cathy D'Agostino, Carol Ritchie, Dorene Taylor, Margaret Gray, Tinney Bacon, Jean Pituck, Kay Simoes, Sue Blakeman, Barbara Enright, and Margaret O'Riordan. The Trustees appreciate all they do.

With the co-operation of the Amherst School Board, a summer branch library at the Middle School was open two afternoons and one evening each week, and has been well received by the people in that area.

In December, Mrs. Rachel Sanborn, District Consultant from the State Library, spent a day at our Library giving

suggestions for the best use of available space and ideas for future expansion.

Our special thanks go to our staff. They are: Betty Watson, Librarian; Cele Clough, Marion Williston, Sally Suomala, and Jody Allen, Assistant Librarians; Connie George, Page Typist; and Sue Berlack and Karen Hoxie, Pages. These people make our Library the friendly place that it is and give excellent service to our patrons.

The Board of Trustees meets on the second Tuesday of each month. In addition to these meetings, they also attend State Library meetings, special workshops and District meetings.

The Trustees wish to thank all those people who have donated books, magazines and gifts that others also may enjoy, and we are grateful to the people of Amherst for their interest and support.

Respectfully submitted, Board of Trustees:

RYLAND COX
E. DANIEL JOHNSON
BETTY LYLE
LUCY RAMSAY
JANICE SHETHAR
CONNIE WOOLFORD

Amberst Town Library *Librarian's Report*

Circulation Statistics for 1976:

Adult Fiction	18,894
Adult Non-Fiction	12,066
Juvenile	21,276
Magazines	6,951
Art Prints	35
Puzzles	271
Records	2,781
Inter-Library Loans	895
Loans to Non-residents using the Statewide Library Card	965
Films	61
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Grand Total	64,195

This total is a gain of 2,031 over last year's total circulation. 753 new patrons were registered in 1976.

Book Collection:

We purchased 1,604 new books in 1976 and added an additional 329 through donations or memorial gifts. The breakdown of new books is:

Adult Fiction	570
Adult Non-Fiction	771
Juvenile Fiction, including Picture Books	323
Juvenile Non-Fiction	269

331 books were withdrawn from the collection due to obsolescence, loss, damage or wear. Our book collection now stands at: Adult 11,955; Juvenile 5,030; Total 16,985.

Magazines and Newspapers:

New magazines subscribed to this year are: Architectural Digest; Blair and Ketchum's Country Journal; and Psychology Today, making a total of 60 periodical subscriptions. We also receive an additional 17 periodicals as gifts.

We receive the following newspapers: Sunday New York Times; Wall Street Journal; Boston Herald American; New Hampshire Times; and the Milford Cabinet.

Recordings:

Our record collection consists of 104 recordings for children and 438 for adults and young adults. Total — 542.

Johnson Meeting Room:

57 library meetings, workshops and programs took place in the Meeting Room. Various town organizations held 158 meetings, making a total of 215 times the room was booked.

Middle School Summer Library:

For the second year, the Amherst School System and the Town Library cooperated in opening the Middle School Library for public use during 9 weeks of the summer. Mrs. Donald Carper was hired to be in charge, assisted by eight students who served on a rotating schedule as pages and A-V aides.

In addition to the Tuesday and Thursday afternoon openings, Wednesday evening was added to the schedule. Response to this service was gratifying. 177 adults and children registered to use the Summer Library. Books circulated as follows:

Adult Fiction	112
Juvenile Fiction	1,015
Juvenile Non-Fiction	272

Total	1,399

Filmstrips, cassettes and records were used and enjoyed in the Library.

Summer Reading Program:

There was very active participation in the Reading Programs at both the Town Library and the Middle School Summer Library. This program encourages reading for pleasure during the summer vacation, which helps children retain the reading skills they have developed during the school year and allows them to become better acquainted with the library staff and resources.

137 children enrolled at the Town Library and 46 at the Middle School. 101 children (71 at the Town Library and 30 at the Middle School) completed four or more books and were rewarded with a film program and refreshments at the Johnson Meeting Room.

Other Activities:

The Wednesday morning Pre-School Story Hours were enthusiastically received throughout the winter, spring and fall, when they were conducted by volunteer mothers, who read or told stories, led singing games and finger plays, and held simple craft programs. These activities help the younger children enjoy books and reading and simple group activities.

Films were shown at some of these programs, and the library staff also held a four-week Summer Story Hour with films during July.

In the summer, the library also cooperated with the Recreation Department in obtaining children's films for showing at the Baboosic Lake Pavilion and in the library's Johnson Meeting Room.

Many, many volunteers have helped in a wide variety of ways to make the Amherst Library a pleasant and useful community institution. We wish to express our thanks to all those who have worked so willingly and also to those who have donated books, magazines and records to our collection or to the Friends of the Library Book Sale, which raises money for various library improvements. The beautiful new library drapes were made possible this past year through the Friends' money raising activity.

We look forward to meeting your library needs successfully in 1977 and also are seeking ways to make better use of our existing facilities to offer you more complete library service in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

BETTY WATSON, Librarian

Amherst Town Library *Treasurer's Report*

For Year Ending January 3, 1977

INCOME

Cash balance 1-1-76	\$ 1,039 85
From Town Trust Funds	1,143 29
Town Appropriation	38,115 00
Revenue Sharing for Books	1,500 00
From Fines, lost books, gifts	1,642 44
Sam & Alys Warren Book Fund	31 15
Sale of old record player	40 00
From Friends of the Library for drapes	882 30
	\$44,394 03

EXPENDITURES

	Spent 1976	Budget 1977
Librarians' Salaries	\$23,181 21	\$26,077 00
Custodian	1,434 00	1,560 00
Mid. Sch. Summer Lib.	475 50	500 00
Books	10,199 83	7,900 00
Magazines	561 10	600 00
Records	249 71	350 00
Supplies, bindings	1,542 08	1,400 00
Lights	1,195 09	1,300 00
Heat & Air Cond.	1,368 98	1,700 00
Phone	361 02	420 00
Bldg. Grnds.	831 68	850 00
Miscellaneous	598 49	500 00
Architectural Study		500 00
	\$41,998 69	\$43,657 00
Drapes	882 30	
Double Windows	474 75	
Humidification	290 00	
Four bookcases	469 60	
	\$44,115 34	
Total Expense 1976	\$44,115 34	
Cash balance 1-3-77	\$ 278 69	

E. DANIEL JOHNSON, Treasurer
Amherst Town Library Trustees

Funds Held by Library Trustees

In Amherst Bank & Trust Co.	
Past Gifts by Anna Mosher	\$ 800 00
Gift Honora Spalding	500 00
Jennifer Carlsmith Memorial (bal.)	130 02
Laura & James Wanless Memorial (bal.)	690 67
Accumulated Dividends	235 07
	<hr/> \$2,355 76
In Souhegan NOW Account	
Anna Mosher Boardman, stock sold	\$3,633 25
Dividends	128 31
	<hr/> \$3,761 56
Air Conditioning installed	3,123 14
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1-3-77 Balance	\$ 638 42
In Souhegan NOW Account	
Fines balance 1-3-77	\$1,296 17
Dividends	65 79
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Total balance Fines Acct.	\$1,361 96
In Souhegan NOW Account	
Copy Machine profits for amortization	\$2,717 35
Dividends	120 96
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Total towards amortization	\$2,838 31

Town Trust Officers hold for Trustees, 59 shares MIT stock in Sam & Alys Warren Book Fund, also 155 shares AVCO stock, gift of Anna Mosher Boardman on Dec. 22, 1976.

E. DANIEL JOHNSON, Treasurer

Auditors' Report

We have examined the accounts of the following Town Officers: Selectmen, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Tax Collector, Road Agent, Trustees of Trust Funds, Treasurer of Library, and find them correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

ORSON H. BRAGDON
MAURICE MARTEL

Report of Town Audit

FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

Statement of Revenue, Expenditure, Encumbrances and Fund Balance

Funds 1-1-76		\$13,777 38
Added Revenues:		
Entitlement Payments	\$36,752 00	
Interest	1,243 44	
Total Available	-----	\$51,772 82
Less Expenditures:		
Operating and Maintenance	20,175 00	
Capital Expenditures:		
Truck	8,000 00	
Cruiser	4,259 42	
Other: Books	1,500 00	
	-----	33,934 42
Cash Available		----- \$17,838 40
Less: Encumbrances 12-31-75		
Public Safety — Cruiser	\$ 4,500 00	
Unexpended Bal.	434 00	
	-----	4,934 00
Available Unobligated Funds		----- \$12,904 40

Board of Adjustment

The Board of Adjustment had a rather marked increase in activity during 1976. This was the result of zoning changes to the ordinance voted at the 1976 Town Meeting and a general increase in the number of people requesting Home Occupations.

The Board of Adjustment met 15 times during 1976 and considered 650 applications, 18 more than 1975. The summary is as follows:

Special Exceptions	
Approved	17
Denied	5
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Total	22
Variances	
Approved	14
Denied	12
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Total	26
Temporary Use Permits	
Approved	2
Denied	0
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Total	2

A further breakdown of the special exceptions show:

Home Occupations	16
Cardiac Rehabilitation Center	1
Barber Shop	1
Professional Office	1
Private School (Nursery Sch.)	1
Retirement Development	1
Veterinary Clinic	1

The Veterinary Clinic and 4 Home Occupations were denied.

The Summary of Variances involved subjects as listed below:

		Denied	Approved
Signs	4	2	2
Non-Standard Subdivisions	7	4	3
Lot Line/Set Backs	5	0	5
Add in to nonconforming structure	2	1	1
Apartment	1	1	0
Bank	1	1	0
Extra house on lot	1	1	0
Veterinary Clinic	1	1	0
Mobile Home Park	1	0	1
Home Occupation Exterior Changes	2	0	2
Road closed subject to gates & bars	1	1	0

A significant modification to Board of Adjustment procedures involved notification of all abutters by registered mail, return receipt requested on all cases. This is in compliance with State Law which also directs that the cost of mailings, advertising and preparation is to be borne by the applicant. The Selectmen, as a result, set a new structure of \$20.00 per application, plus \$1.50 per abutter beyond 6.

Respectfully submitted by the 1976
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Arnold C. Dickinson, Chairman
Roger M. Brown, Vice Chairman
C. Thomas Carson, Secretary
Russell T. Steeves
Rosemary Daly

Zoning Administrator's Report

1976

The addition of a full time Building Inspector has helped a great deal to be able to perform the required inspections associated with the growth we have seen this year. This growth has been of two types. First, more and more inspections are required due to changes in regulations at both State and Town levels. For example, since May of this year, three permits (driveway, septic system and building permit) are required for each new house. Second, significantly more permits were issued this year than during any previous year.

A total of 785 permits of all types were issued during the year, with 180 of these being for new houses. Although precise records were not kept, over 5,000 inspections of various types were performed. Approximately 78 meetings were attended during the year, plus several Dredge and Fill hearings, etc., in Concord, were also attended.

Good progress has been made in our effort to get all our old files in order. The improved Water Pollution Control Regulations are helping a great deal to provide more reliable septic systems. A much better working relationship has been established between the Fire Department and the Building Inspector to administer the 101 Life Safety Code so as to provide safer commercial and industrial buildings.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Permit Type	1976		1975		1974	
	#	\$ Value	#	\$ Value	#	\$ Value
New Dwellings	180	8,500,000	97	4,118,230	65	3,063,810
Public Bldg.	0	—	1	47,000	0	—
Comm. & Ind.	11	675,450	5	308,000	9	509,500
Add. & Alt.	99	371,810	93	395,750	82	288,404
Gar. & Barns	14	68,500	21	86,900	26	109,650
Utility Bldg.	14	50,765	12	6,250	6	2,289
Fences	20	10,650	30	11,150	20	5,950
Pools	20	77,900	16	45,000	19	57,985
Signs	13	2,890	17	2,920	13	3,260
Home Occupations	9	—	14	—	6	—
Earth Removal	2	—	3	—	3	3,000
New Septic	184	317,100	49	68,600	—	—
Septic Repairs	42	43,810	48	38,750	18	23,425
Driveways	161	—	—	—	—	—
Misc.	16	38,000	9	9,600	0	—
Totals	785	10,156,875	415	5,138,150	267	4,067,273
Income		\$35,578.83		\$15,968.75		\$10,253.90
Expenses		\$22,316.95		\$13,894.25		\$10,839.18

Respectfully submitted,
 ROBERT J. BARTON, Zoning Administrator

Planning Board

The year 1976 was a significant one for the Planning Board. Prior to the March Town Meeting the Board was active, with members of its Sounding Board, explaining the new Master Plan to the town, including the proposed zoning changes which would put the first teeth in the Plan. The town approved most of the recommended zoning changes by large majorities and voted funds to continue the master planning process. The planning process in 1976 has dealt primarily with a fair means to cope with the unprecedented growth which the town has recently experienced and can be expected to experience in future years. The Board met with other interested groups in town and within the region to hear their views and receive reports on the impact of growth on taxes, school construction, road construction, the environment, industrial development, the building industry, and real estate interests. From all of these conferences and reports a consensus emerged to the effect that some means of setting a maximum and predictable rate of growth was essential to carry out the goals and purposes of the Master Plan.

During the last quarter of 1976 the Board prepared proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance which would set a maximum growth rate equal to that experienced by the town over the past six years. In addition to breaking new ground in planned growth, the Board developed and is proposing refinements of earlier planning efforts.

Parallel with this long range planning work, the Board performed its customary duties in the technical review of many requested subdivisions. This process, at times laborious and often controversial, served to reinforce the Board's consensus that a planned rate of growth which is fairly and evenly administered is in the best interests of the town.

SCOTT SUTHERLAND, Chairman

ROBERT CROUTER, Vice Chairman

ROGER SMITH, Secretary

JAMES SHILDNECK

ROBERT SUOMALA

HERBERT KOPF

ANN SNOW, ex-officio

FREDERICK PORTER, first alternate

DOUGLAS KIRKWOOD, second alternate

Amherst Conservation Commission

The Amherst Conservation Commission had a busy, productive and sometimes frustrating year in 1976. We have continued our work to protect wetland and watershed areas, acquire land for the good of the town and improve our present holdings for recreational use.

The Commission gratefully accepted 12 acres of wetlands from Eleanor Ross, donated in memory of her husband, Minot J. Ten acres of wetlands were also generously donated to the town by Warren Luby. Considerable effort was expended by the Conservation Commission to obtain the land for which funds were authorized at town meeting, 1976. However, it was impossible to negotiate a reasonable price with the owner and funds were, therefore, returned to the town. The Commission proposes in a 1977 warrant article that \$25,000 be allocated for land acquisition, the land to be used for conservation purposes. Recent development pressures reveal that outright purchase by the town is an important way to insure protection of ecologically valuable lands.

The Amherst Conservation Commission was very proud as one of its founding members, Betty Arnold, was chosen as Amherst Citizen of the Year. Every resident of Amherst is indebted to Betty for her tireless efforts to minimize the impact of development on the town's natural resources.

As part of our obligation, the Commission has acted on many Dredge and Fill Applications, advising the State Special Board of our views. While frequently frustrated, we were successful in halting several housing construction activities which would have caused serious damage to the land. The Selectmen were also advised of our views and the environmental consequences of earth removal operations (stripping of topsoil).

The Conservation Commission's Fourth of July booth on the village green included displays on forest tree species, ferns, lichens, mosses and mushrooms, and birds and their nests. The story of the American Chestnut was explained, and a children's corner set up to introduce youngsters to the plant and animal species that live around Amherst. The final display dealt with the results of overpopulation, a problem facing Amherst, the United States and the world.

For the tenth consecutive year, the Commission sponsored several residents' attendance to the Conservation Summer Camp run by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. Teachers Joy Hamilton, Donna Lewandowski and student Scott Chrane attended this year. The Conservation Commission will also be the sponsor of Boy Scout Troop 22.

Work on our present land holdings continued with the clearing and marking of several new trails in Joe English West. Plans are underway for the establishment of a wild flower garden in the Joe English Reservation. The construction and maintenance of wood duck nesting boxes continues throughout the town. The Conservation Commission hopes to work with the newly created Amherst Land Trust to acquire land within the town.

The Amherst Conservation Commission will continue its efforts to serve the town citizens and protect our natural resources.

ALICE E. ARNOLD, Co-chairman

WALLACE WARREN, Co-chairman

ELISABETH BARRETT

WILLIAM GOODWILL

MICHAEL GRUBB

CHARLES TIEDMANN

WILLIAM WEATHERBEE

Amherst Recreation Commission

For the Amherst Recreation Commission 1976 was marked by new programs, increased participation in old activities, and the development of bigger and better plans to meet the recreational needs of all ages within the community.

Programs and activities were directly administered by the Town Director of Recreation, Pete Houston. This was the first full year that Amherst had a Recreation Director. Benefits derived from the position have been numerous, including:

1. It has centralized the organizing, directing, and coordinating of youth athletic programs, coaches, and officials.
2. It has allowed for more control in the purchase, care, and maintenance of recreation equipment and supplies.
3. An ongoing program of publicity, including releases to the media, has become possible to keep people better informed of what is happening in recreation for the community.
4. A person is available at all times to communicate with the Commission and residents of the community about programs and activities and the recreational needs and desires within the town of Amherst. As a result programs can be developed or refined to meet changing needs.
5. It has permitted a more thorough process of screening, hiring, and directing of staff and overseeing of facilities of Baboosic Lake Park.

Athletic programs sponsored by the Commission were enjoyed by hundreds of boys and girls and men and women during the year. Close to 100 adults participated in winter men's basketball and men's and women's volleyball at the Middle School. Registrations for traditional youth programs included basketball (161), baseball (278), and girls' softball (96). Commission sponsored tennis lessons in the spring, summer and fall attracted 175 town residents of all ages.

New programs in 1976 proved very popular in a number of areas: Summer Teen Soccer (45), fall co-ed Youth Soccer (127), Summer Youth Playground (183), and summer movies

held at Baboosic Lake and the Town Library (268). Indoor golf instruction, youth ski lessons, and a village summer crafts program were enjoyed by 40 additional registrants. Thanks to the care given by village fathers and the Amherst Highway Department, the village skating rink was as popular as ever during the winter months.

The Town tennis courts on Davis Lane were completed and bids received for two additional courts to be constructed at the Middle School. The new courts are expected to be completed in time for use in the coming summer.

In conjunction with agreements reached with the Amherst School Board, the Commission accepted full responsibility for (1) administering town athletic fields previously under the School Board's jurisdiction and (2) implementing the Amherst Adult Education program. Both came under the overall supervision of the Town Director of Recreation. In the fall the Commission announced plans for a community Theatre Program to be conducted for all ages.

Few seasons at Baboosic Lake Park have been as busy and successful as 1976. A total of 302 families representing over 1300 individuals of all ages, as well as 375 guests, held membership or visited the beach in 1976. One of the highlights of the summer was construction of a dock.

The new structure was planned and conceived by the Baboosic Lake Advisory Committee, completely financed by fund raising events initiated by volunteers, and constructed by Committee members with the help and cooperation of the Amherst Jaycees. One of its greatest impacts was on the swim team. It allowed a record total of over 50 boys and girls an opportunity to train and develop a well rounded squad to represent Baboosic Lake against swim teams and clubs in southern N.H.

With the dock and a dedicated staff of 5 qualified instructors, the program of swim lessons took on new dimensions in 1976. Small classes held daily in three separate summer sessions resulted in 480 registrants receiving instruction. Additional waterfront programs included water ballet and life saving.

Over 100 children participated in the Pavilion Arts & Crafts program. Other popular indoor events included traditional town dances sponsored by the Police and Fire Departments, the Rescue Squad, and the Recreation Commis-

sion, a Teen Dance, a Family Square Dance, afternoon children's movies, and Open Nights for teenagers. A Family Day of swimming events, games, and picnicking and the annual Recreation Commission Steak Cookout also drew large crowds to the beach.

The Recreation Commission foresees a busy year to come:

1. Renovating existing playing fields around town to include among other things new baseball and softball diamonds and backstops.

2. Offering more recreational programs and activities for all citizens, particularly for those who are not taking advantage of the current programs.

3. Enlisting the help of more volunteers in coaching, officiating, and directing recreational programs.

4. Developing programs and combining resources with other area communities.

Thanks to the effort and cooperation of the Amherst School Board and Amherst school administrators, school custodians, the Board of Selectmen, Town Hall personnel, the Amherst Highway Department, the Town Library, and the multitude of parents who served in youth programs during the various seasons, 1976 was a banner year for your Recreation Commission.

BRUCE FRASER, Chairman

SUSAN KIERSTEAD

MARY SPARKS

CLARK STEWART

CARL WHEELER

Amherst Recreation Commission

Department of Civil Preparedness

Report — 1976

The Department of Civil Preparedness has worked this year to increase the town's Emergency Operations Plan with most effort going into the area of communications and the Emergency Operations Center.

The duty of the Department of Civil Preparedness is to prepare the town for major emergencies. This is done by having an up to date Emergency Operations Plan and an Emergency Operations Center. The purpose of the EOP is to prepare the town for a major catastrophe by organizing the town's resources, setting goals for future levels of preparedness, and obtaining additional resources where possible. The EOP assigns emergency functions to departments, agencies and community organizations of the town, is an up to date inventory of departmental resources and equipment, and a guide for department heads to use for training and planning.

The Emergency Operations Center, located on the 2nd floor of the Brick School, is an area set up with maps, displays, marking systems, communications equipment and supplies necessary for the department heads to keep track of their men and equipment during an emergency situation.

Amherst Rescue Squad

The Rescue Squad has seen a 40% increase in calls: 303 for 1976, as compared with 211 calls in 1975.

	1976	1975	1974
Highway accidents	56	34	37
Home accidents	52	63	31
Home illnesses	136	75	40
Fires	12	23	10
Miscellaneous	47	13	7
Transports to hospital	262	157	28
Total number of people assisted	313	204	125

There are presently 42 active members of the Squad from Amherst. Of these, 23 are Emergency Medical Technicians. The Board of Selectmen has authorized the Squad to increase its membership to 50, enabling complete coverage during times of vacations, leaves of absence and resignations (16 members resigned during 1976). It takes four to six months to train and license a new member.

The Squad is supported by town funds and by donations. There is no charge for the service to any person receiving care. All members are volunteers. The service is for emergencies ONLY and can not be used for transfer or non-emergencies, as this would leave the town uncovered for true emergencies.

ROY E. MASTON, Director, Civil Preparedness

Amherst American Revolution Bicentennial Committee

During 1976, The Amherst American Revolution Bicentennial Committee was more active than in 1974 and 1975. We were involved within the three activity areas begun in 1974.

HERITAGE: More than 2,700 Amherst citizens signed the scrolls which were part of the National Scroll Pilgrimage to Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. The wagon used to carry the scrolls from all the cities and towns in New Hampshire visited Amherst and was on display at the Wilkins and Middle Schools and the Town Common on May 25. The graveyard mapping, a project begun last year, continued with painstaking deliberation. The maps are complete and one now hangs in the interior of the Town Hall. The clock in the second floor of the Town Hall has been restored and is now in perfect working order.

FESTIVAL: During the Fourth of July Celebration, we sponsored a float in the parade, participated in the National Bell Ringing, and held the annual Arts and Crafts Show. In order to defray the cost of some of our activities, the committee sold many items including; patches, medal pendants and keychains, and stationery each depicting the Amherst Bicentennial Logo, chances on the Old Glory Paperweight. A reprint was made of the Amherst Bicentennial Booklet containing pictures and history of Amherst, past and present.

HORIZON: In May, the Committee participated in the week-long Bicentennial week at the Middle School. Bunting was purchased for the Town Hall, Library, Brick School, and the two Fire Stations. Two hundred seedlings were planted at the South Fire Station. Our biggest project was the landscaping at the World War I Common.

The Committee is most grateful for many hours of help from the Highway Department, Tree Committee, Selectmen, and the Police Department. Each of us on the Committee

has given much time and effort toward making Amherst's Bicentennial years meaningful and memorable and we thank the townspeople for their cooperation and suggestions.

THOMAS P. GRELLA, Chairman

Joe Hoag
Kathy Magill
Dot Davis
Audrey Spalding
Roz Buchanan
Mary Steeves
Theresa Greenblatt
Effa Wishart
Bob Wishart

Larry Starke
Joyce Kenne
Phil Trasatti
Peter Bergin
Bob Crouter
Hon. Nelle Holmes
Hon. G. Winthrop Brown
Edwin F. Locke

Historic District Commission

The Historic District Commission considered and approved 14 applications for building permits during 1976. Twelve (12) of these applications were for alterations to the exterior of existing residences and two (2) were for new residences, reflecting the fact that there are very few available locations for new buildings in the District. The great majority of these are on the periphery of the District.

It is a source of satisfaction to the Commission that the alterations proposed have enhanced both the appearance and the value of the buildings involved, thus being beneficial both aesthetically and economically.

G. WINTHROP BROWN, Chairman
BARBARA BERLACK
ANNA JONES
THOMAS GRELLA
ROBERT CROUTER

COMMUNITY COUNCIL, INC.
Services Provided Amherst
October 1975 through September 1976

During the twelve month period of October 1975 through September 1976 there were 61 Amherst residents provided with mental health services from Community Council. Of these, 33 were new admissions: 2.3% of the total new admissions served during the period. These 33 new Amherst admissions showed no increase nor decrease over the 1975 twelve month period yet showed a 94.1% increase over 1974.

While Amherst residents represent 2.3% of clinic clients, Amherst residents represents 6.1% of the population of Community Council's catchment area.

Cost to provide outpatient services was \$29.24 per patient per direct service hour. Average outpatient fee charged the Amherst clients where insurance would not cover was \$7.32 per patient per direct service hour. Average number of outpatient visits was 8.3. Total cost for providing Amherst clients with 506 direct service outpatient hours was \$14,795.44.

No Amherst residents received inpatient care.

Two Amherst residents were served by Community Council's Partial Hospitalization Program. These clients participated in the program for a total of 623 hours or 89 days at a cost to this program of \$3,115.00

Although no demographic breakdown on the Emergency Program exists, estimates project 2.3% of the total number of people requiring this service come from Amherst. Assumption is made on the basis of overall patient participation from Amherst on the Community Council's population. Projected cost for the service . . . \$1,039.51.

Summary

Adult and Children Outpatient Services	\$14,795 44
Inpatient Services	0
Partial Hospitalization Services	3,115 00
Emergency Services	1,039 51
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Total Cost for Amherst	\$18,949 95

Souhegan Nursing Association

We are writing to you to explain the services of the Souhegan Community Nursing Association. The Services are available to all persons in the three communities of Amherst, Mont Vernon and Milford, regardless of their ability to pay. The fee for those able to pay is one dollar per visit.

The services available in the home are care of the chronically ill, aged and injured. Visits to new mothers and handicapped persons, and teaching the care of the sick to responsible family members.

Office visits may be made at the Association from 9 A.M. to 10 A.M. for blood pressure checks or injections ordered by a physician. Immunization clinics are held monthly, the first Tuesday of each month. A Well Child Clinic is held the same day and children are seen by a Pediatrician by appointment. Dental clinics are held twice a year for children 3 to 5 years of age. Blood pressure checks are done, the last Thursday of each month at the Elderly Nutrition Meals, in the Knights of Columbus Hall. We will be holding Adult Health Screenings every three years.

We also loan hospital equipment free of charge, such as beds, crutches, canes, commodes, wheel chairs, etc.

Last year there were 592 visits made to 72 patients in Amherst. This year's total has not been completed as yet.

Amberst Town Government Study Committee Report

The Government Study Committee established in 1975 as a Standing Committee is charged to conduct a continual study of all aspects of town government and make appropriate recommendations as deemed necessary to the Annual Town Meeting. The Committee consists of five members appointed by the Town Moderator.

This year the Committee has three recommendations for your consideration at the Annual Town Meeting in March. Two of the items pertain to the office of Town Clerk and will appear as Warrant Articles. The third concerns semi-annual tax billing.

First, we recommend that the term of Town Clerk be three years instead of the current one. It is our opinion that a one year term does not provide the desired continuity from one year to the next or allow a sufficient amount of time for a newly elected person to become fully acquainted with the job. Passage of this article this year will insure that the terms of Town Clerk and Tax Collector are staggered.

Secondly, we recommend that the Town Clerk be paid a set salary rather than the current system of a salary plus fees. It is our opinion that every town position should have a known income level. The Town Clerk's position is the only town job which does not have a published income. On the current salary plus fees system, the Town Clerk's income is in direct proportion to the population. As the population increases, the work increases and the fees increase. This cycle continues to a point where one person is not able to handle the work load. The town then provides clerical assistance at separate expense to meet peak work loads. In such instances, the fees continue to be paid to the Town Clerk.

It is the opinion of the Committee that the most equitable system is to have the Town Clerk paid a salary, have the fees revert to the Town, and have the Board of Selectmen provide clerical help as is deemed necessary to give the desired level of service to the taxpayers.

Thirdly, the Government Study Committee supports the

semi-annual form of tax billing as provided for under N.H. RSA 76:15a and 15b. This is a fiscally sound policy that would substantially reduce the amount to be borrowed and the length of time of such borrowing. It is our recommendation that this matter be fully explained at the Annual Town Meeting.

The Committee continues to meet with groups such as the School Board, the Ways and Means Committee, the Road Agent, the Planning Board and the Selectmen to discuss topics of mutual interest. Citizens are encouraged to bring to our attention matters they would like studied.

Our thanks go to all those who have helped us during this past year. And a very special thank you is due Joe Hines who served most ably as our chairman.

EVELYN B. DUDLEY, Chairman
DONALD H. DAVIS
BURTON S. KNIGHT
INGRID E. MICHAELIS
PAUL L. SAVAGE

Soubegan Regional Landfill District

The regional landfill site located in Amherst on Route 101 began operation for Amherst residents on November 1, 1975. The new system opened in Brookline and Hollis in March of 1976, in Mont Vernon in April 1976.

For Amherst residents, the mechanics of "going to the dump" have changed very little. The residents of the three sending towns, however, must bag their refuse and carry it across a platform to dump into the hoppers. The District Committee appreciates the cooperation of the Selectmen and the residents of the sending towns who have helped make possible an efficient operation which has allowed the District to complete its first year budget in the black.

The first year was not void of operational and technical problems. Because our regional approach is the first in New Hampshire and perhaps in the nation, we have often had to work extra time in areas of government where there are no precedents. And then, on a more quotidian level, we had a few instances of vandalism, at both the landfill and collection sites, although less than could have reasonably been expected. Hollis and Brookline experienced fires in the compactor trailers, which were controlled by the respective fire departments without extensive damage to the equipment. We have had some theft of accessories from our equipment.

Now, more than ever before, it is apparent that the District Committee, the Selectmen and residents of the member towns should be concerned with the problems of recycling. At the present time, the member towns on a voluntary basis, are recycling newsprint, tires and large metal items. With transportation being the major cost factor, the District Committee's first thought is that recycling projects initiate at the respective member towns' disposal sites. All recommendations relating to the collection and profitable dispersment of recyclable materials will be considered by the District Committee.

CAPITAL INCOME 7-1-75 — 6-30-76

Capital Notes	\$160,000 00	
State of N.H. Grant	15,000 00	
Total Income	-----	\$175,000 00

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES 7-1-75 — 6-30-76

Tractor	\$47,495 55	
Fence	800 00	
Building	12,900 34	
Transfer Trailers	65,600 00	
Platforms	20,828 90	
Total Expenditures	-----	147,624 79
Cash on hand 6-30-76		\$ 27,375 21
Less Amount due on:		
Transfer Trailers	\$20,600 00	
Platforms	375 00	
	-----	20,975 00
BALANCE		\$ 6,400 21

OPERATING INCOME 7-1-75 — 6-30-76

Bank Loan	\$ 1,000 00	
Assessments:		
Amherst	34,799 00	
Brookline	7,453 25	
Hollis	17,849 50	
Mont Vernon	6,140 75	
Hauling Fees	3,050 00	
Bid Deposits	160 00	
Permit Fees	20 00	
Refund Telephone Deposit	100 93	
Bank Interest	3,494 52	
Insurance Reimbursement	34 50	
Total Income	-----	\$ 74,102 45

OPERATING EXPENDITURES 7-1-75 — 6-30-76

Repayment — Bank Loan	\$ 1,000 00	
Administrative Expense	1,725 54	
Contracted Services	10,096 77	
Shelter Maintenance	506 42	
Equipment Maintenance	1,327 35	
Fuel	910 82	
Hauling Charges	2,508 00	
Legal Services	350 00	
Insurance Premiums	1,178 00	
Telephone Deposit	100 00	
Equipment Reserve		
U.S. Treasury Notes	8,280 69	
Land Rental	4,000 00	
Interest on Capital Notes	5,257 76	
Start-up Costs	22,261 58	
Total Expenditures	-----	59,502 93
Cash & U.S. Treasury Notes on hand		\$ 14,599 52
Less following items:		
Prepaid Hauling — 4th quarter	\$2,600 00	
Hauling Charges Paid	1,850 00	
Net Prepaid Hauling	-----	750 00
Accrued Interest & Principal on Capital Notes		11,922 00
BALANCE		\$ 1,927 52

Highway Safety Committee

The Amherst Highway Safety Committee was established on March 16, 1976, and convened its first meeting on March 23, 1976. The members of this committee are:

John T. Osborn, Jr. — Chief of Police

Marshall Strickland — Fire Chief

Roy Maston — Civil Preparedness

Robert Lown — Selectman

Robert H. Prew — Citizen

Richard Crocker — Highway Agent

Ronald L. Pomerleau — School Board Member

The committee has separated the projects into two groups. One dealing with local roads and problem areas which, with assistance, can reduce accidents. The second group are those associated with state highways, and although they may have been previously identified are imminent hazard areas which fortunately have not resulted in fatalities yet.

1. LOCAL: A check and replacement of all stop and yield signs which do not conform to Highway Safety Specifications. Receive state approval. This project is 85 percent complete.

2. STATE: Correction of the hazardous intersection at Route 101A and Route 122. Based upon statistics provided by this committee the New Hampshire Public Works reports the priority was upgraded and it's presently advanced to the design stage.

3. LOCAL: Obtain an MR-7 moving radar unit to be utilized by the police for traffic enforcement while maintaining patrol.

This item was purchased through matching funds. The town share donated by a citizen and the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency providing the other half.

4. STATE: The committee recommended flashing yellow light be installed to signify turning traffic in the hazardous area of the Souhegan Regional Sanitary Landfill on Route 101.

Flashing yellow light installed.

Even with the most sophisticated equipment, increased patrols, and well-maintained highways, Amherst unfortunately had five individuals lose their lives in four automobile accidents. Four of the victims were under twenty years of age. In three of the four accidents the cause was attributed to alcohol and, therefore, might have been avoided. If only others would learn from these mistakes.

JOHN T. OSBORN, JR., Chairman

Road Commission Report

1976

The Road Commission has, for many years, been working on the implementing of some control on the location and construction of new driveways, where they join a town road. In the past, some of these new driveways have been costly to the town. A Driveway Ordinance was adopted and became effective in May 1976.

The Road Building Specifications adopted in 1971 are responsible for the best town roads being constructed in the area. The Road Commission and Highway Agent keep a very careful and close check on the building of all the new roads in town. Four or more on-site inspections are made before an okay is given to the Selectmen. The road is then accepted and added to the ever growing town roads system.

The Road Commission has six regularly scheduled meetings a year. There are also numerous problems which come up during the year. These also necessitate discussions or inspections to properly evaluate and solve the matter.

The sand on that part of the landfill area, which is not suitable for cover, is now available to the Highway Department. The sand has been stockpiled for winter maintenance and used on the re-oiling program this past summer.

The bridge on Boston Post Road over the Souhegan River has been the concern of the Road Commission and Highway Agent. This year the consulting engineers of Structural Design Services were retained by the Selectmen. An in depth inspection of the existing bridge was made. This also included borings to determine if any and what kind of footings were under the granite abutments. At this time, two proposals to repair the existing bridge and one to reconstruct the bridge structure have been submitted. There is a fourth study being made which we hope will incorporate greater savings to the town.

Respectfully submitted,

MERIC ARNOLD, Chairman
EVERETT LEACH
HAROLD WARNER

Selectmen's Narrative

At the close of our first year as a Five Member Board, we are pleased to report that the added personnel allowed us to undertake considerable additional work.

The board was able to direct attention to the promulgation of a much needed Personnel Policy for the Town. When the Town was manned by a few part time employees, this hardly seemed necessary. However, we now have 25 full time and 75 part time employees and there is every indication that this number will increase. The need for a uniform policy became pressing. We fully expect that the board will have completed this policy before Town Meeting.

As part of our Bicentennial Tribute, the World War I Common near Moulton's was rebuilt and landscaped.

We have been able to devote more time to fiscal matters. Cooperation with the Town Treasurer allowed for careful investment of surplus funds, resulting in considerable interest income which was used to reduce your tax burden. This prudent fiscal management allowed us to present you with a surplus at the close of fiscal 1976, despite the fact that some \$171,000 in existing surplus was used to reduce the tax rate in 1975,

Although the recommendation a year ago that a new bridge be constructed over the Souhegan at the Boston Post Road was not approved, we are again bringing this matter to your attention. In the past few months several automobile accidents, coupled with the urgent need for repairs, have reinforced our opinion that immediate correction of a sub-standard bridge is in order. Several alternatives will be presented to you at the Town Meeting which will allow you to judge the best action for the Town to take.

The Industrial Water Committee has begun a search for a water supply in the Southern part of our Town. We can not hope to expand the Tax base without a reliable water supply for this area. We are pleased to advise you that we are in the exploratory stages and to date it has not been necessary to expend any Town funds for the project.

Your Board, with the assistance of the Building Study

Committee, are actively investigating the uses to which the existing town buildings can best be put. In connection with these studies we have begun to try to look into the future for the building needs of the Town.

That we are experiencing growing pains is evidenced by the fact that the Zoning Department is functioning in temporary quarters, and the Police Department is fast outgrowing its limited facilities. We hope to have recommendations concerning these matters for your consideration within the year.

The new retirement program authorized by the Town last March, is in effect. It rewards, in some measure, dedicated service of our long time employees, and will undoubtedly be a factor in the elimination of turnover.

The new tennis courts on Davis Lane have become a reality and the contract for those to be built near the Middle School has been signed. We have the beginnings of a trial system throughout Town with the necessary easement to insure their perpetuation. More restrictive septic regulations have been adopted by the Selectmen, acting as the Board of Health. Considerable time has been spent in viewing pools, as a result of the Town mandate to fence before July of 1977. We hope we have reached equitable solutions.

Increasingly we are faced with requests to open roads. This is one indication that the town is growing. These requests have been handled individually and successfully through the means of public hearings. We have received the surveys for Thornton Ferry #2, and have the layout of this road high on our priorities for fiscal '77.

With the Nation's Bicentennial year behind us, we would be remiss if we did not make special mention of the exceptional job done by the Fourth of July Committee and of the ongoing efforts of the Bicentennial Committee. The Board is constantly seeking the assistance of willing citizens for many Town positions, and are grateful for the willingness and ability with which every job has been tackled.

Every year we perambulate Town bounds. This year was no exception, as your board walked the Town lines of Milford and Bedford. We have instituted for the first time the position of Dog Officer. We are finding that our canine friends

are increasingly a problem and an expense for the Town. This is a matter which we feel will have to be dealt with in some realistic manner in the very near future.

Before we close, we would like to make mention of Mr. Orson Bragdon who has served the Town well as an auditor for 35 years. Mr. Bragdon, who was also a State Legislator for 20 years, has indicated a desire to step down, with the belief that the business of the Town is large enough to warrant an audit by a professional firm. We appreciate his years of devoted service to Amherst.

Also this year, the Town was fortunate to have been remembered in a generous bequest from the estate of Mr. Edward Conti, who served as a trustee of the trust funds for many years, established by this means an educational foundation. We trust that this fund will grow over the years and allow for the education of many of our outstanding youth.

As the Town grows and tries to retain its character, many of the minor problems become major ones. We are faced continually with challenges in court, major decisions in matters of finance, and the task of making appointments to committees who will assist this Board in its functions. We urgently solicit your assistance, comments, and interest. It is, after all, your Town.

In closing, we would like to thank all employees, department heads, committee chairmen and their committees, other town officers and volunteers, for their able service and continued devotion to their duties.

FRANCIS N. PERRY, Chairman
EDWARD C. MASTEN, Vice Chairman
ANN SNOW
ROBERT LOWN
THOMAS GRELLA

Amherst Village District
Warrant

The State of New Hampshire

The polls will be open at 8:00 p.m.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Amherst in the County
of Hillsboro in said State, qualified to vote in
DISTRICT AFFAIRS

You are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall in said
Amherst on Friday, the 11th day of March, next at 8:00 of
the clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary District Officers for the year
ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to
defray district charges for the ensuing year and make
appropriations of the same.
3. To see if the District will give the Commissioners and
District Treasurer the authority to borrow money in anticipa-
tion of District Taxes.
4. To transact any other business which may legally
come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 24th day of February,
in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy-seven.

CARL E. DOANE
ROGER O. TOPLIFFE
HOWARD W. BOOTHROYD

Commissioners of Amherst Village District

A true copy of Warrant — Attest:

CARL E. DOANE
ROGER O. TOPLIFFE
HOWARD W. BOOTHROYD

Commissioners of Amherst Village District

Amherst Village District

The Officers of the District wish to express their appreciation for your cooperation in conserving water last June when the pump output fell to half capacity. The spare pump and motor were installed in the well and no further problems were encountered. Since the single well serves 237 homes you can fully appreciate the need for water conservation in any emergency that involves pump or motor failure.

Early this Spring upgrading of valves and piping was completed. The flowmeter which has been inoperative for several years was rebuilt and is back in service. The comprehensive program started in 1974 to upgrade all piping, monitoring equipment and the electrical control system at the pumphouse has now been completed and a spare pump and motor are kept on hand to expedite emergency repairs.

We regret the passing, in February, of Edward Marchildon who for 16 years served as Superintendent of the District. Commissioner Howard Boothroyd acted as superintendent until John Hanlon was appointed to the position in July, having served for many years as assistant superintendent.

Again we extend our appreciation to John Hanlon and Kay and Ray Kruger for their sustaining interest in maintaining the affairs of the District.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CARL E. DOANE, Chairman
ROGER O. TOPLIFFE
HOWARD W. BOOTHROYD

Commissioners of the Amherst Village District

Amberst Village District
Balance Sheet

December 31, 1976

ASSETS

Cash on Hand:		
(a) General Fund	\$ 8,932 69	
From Others:		
Uncollected Water Rents	5,246 74	
Total Assets	-----	\$14,179 43
Excess of Liabilities over Assets		5,820 57

Grand Total		\$20,000 00

LIABILITIES

Unexpended Balance of Bond and Long Term Note Issues	\$20,000 00
Total Liabilities	\$20,000 00
Grand Total	\$20,000 00
Lands and Buildings	\$ 15,000 00
Wells, Pumps, Tanks, etc.	150,252 71

Total Valuation	\$165,252 71

Amherst Village District Budget

**Estimates of Receipts and Expenditures for the coming year
January 1 to December 31, 1977**
**Estimates and Actual Receipts and Expenditures for the previous year
January 1 to December 31, 1976**

ACCOUNT	Estimated	Received	Estimated
Cash on Hand 1-1-76	\$ 205.74	\$ 205.74	\$ 690.96
Capital Reserve	10,790.70	10,790.70	7,741.73
Stock in Manchester Bank	500.00	500.00	500.00
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	\$11,496.44	\$11,496.44	\$ 8,932.69
Income Water Service			
Prior 4th quarter	\$ 5,378.22	\$ 5,378.22	\$ 5,246.74
1st 3 quarters	5,100.00	5,169.50	5,100.00
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	\$10,478.22	\$10,547.72	\$10,346.74
Other Income			
to Savings		\$ 273.93	
Hydrant Rental	\$ 1,755.00	1,755.00	\$ 1,755.00
Precinct Tax	3,043.03	3,043.03	**4,862.12
Water for pools		145.00	
Equipment sold		57.00	
Interest	500.00	529.10	500.00
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	\$ 5,298.03	\$ 5,803.06	\$ 7,117.12
TOTALS	\$27,272.69	\$27,847.22	\$26,396.55

EXPENDITURES			
Bonds	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Interest	506.25	506.25	393.75
Supt. Salary	1,100.00	1,200.00	1,800.00
Ass't. Supt. Salary	600.00	600.00	600.00
Tax Collector's Salary	200.00	200.00	200.00
Clerk-Treas. Salary	800.00	800.00	1,000.00
Auditors	20.00	20.00	20.00
Meters	600.00	303.16	600.00
Electricity	3,200.00	3,037.95	3,600.00
Operating Sup. Main.	3,000.00	6,760.11	3,500.00
Office supplies	400.00	200.06	400.00
Insurance	350.00	287.00	350.00
Cash on Hand	205.74	690.96	690.96
Stock	500.00	500.00	500.00
Capital Reserve	10,790.70	7,741.73	7,741.73
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TOTALS	\$27,272.69	\$27,847.22	\$26,396.55

**To be raised by taxation on the property within the precinct.

Synopsis of Town Meeting

March 2, 1976

Acting under Warrant for Town Meeting, polls were opened at 7 a.m. and closed at 7:10 p.m. at Wilkins School. Ballot clerks were Marion Sortevisk, Louise Ainsworth School Clerk, Marion Pollock, Catherine Kruger, Cynthia Kennedy, Evelyn Dudley. Assisting the voters were Herman Anderson and Allan Howard. Moderator Wight, Town Clerk Bernice Boothroyd and Barbara Landry had charge of the voting. Selectmen Francis Perry, Edward Masten and Robert Lown were present during the day. Supervisors of the Checklist were Audrey Spalding, Robert Wishart and Rosemary Biddle. The total ballots cast were 1302.

Results of the election were:

Selectman, Robert Lown, 1 yr.
Selectman, Thomas Grella, 3 yrs.
Selectman, Ann D. Snow, 3 yrs.
Town Clerk, Bernice Boothroyd
Tax Collector, Barbara Landry
Treasurer, Marion Sortevisk
Road Agent, Richard Crocker
Trustee of Trust Funds, Charles E. Ware
Trustee of Library, Elizabeth Lyle
Trustee of Library, Janice Shethar
Board of Adjustment, C. Thomas Carson, 3 yrs.
Board of Adjustment, Rosemary Daly, 5 yrs.
Auditor, Orson Bragdon
Auditor, Maurice Martel

Summary of Meeting

Articles 1 through 7 were voted by ballot during the day.

Article 1. Election of Officers as stated above.

Article 2. Amendment 1: To change the area between Limbo Lane and Rt. 101 Bypass from "Rural District" to "Town Center Commercial District" and to provide regulations therefore.

YES 563

NO 726

Amendment 2: To change the present "Commercial District" by Horace Greeley Hwy. and Pine Rd. and the present "Industrial District" by Rt. 13 and Christian Hill Rd. both to "Limited Commercial District."

YES 795

NO 479

Amendment 3: To change certain areas along Rt. 101A to "Commercial District," "Industrial District" and "Residential District" as shown on the posted map and to provide new district regulations for the "Commercial District."

YES 750

NO 503

Amendment 4: To delete the present "Cluster Development" regulations and replace them with new "Open Space Development" regulation.

YES 711 NO 516

Amendment 5: To establish a "Scenic Setback" of 100 feet along certain listed roads.

YES 947 NO 324

Amendment 6: To establish a "Watershed Protection Area" along certain brooks and to provide regulations therefore.

YES 1008 NO 258

Amendment 7: To change the existing "Lakeside District" in the vicinity of Baboosic Lake to "Rural District."

YES 813 NO 397

Amendment 8: To establish a new "Northern Rural District" as shown on the posted map and to provide regulations therefore.

YES 776 NO 482

Amendment 9: To change town zoning ordinance as follows:

To add certain words to the definition of a Home Occupation;
To require new construction to place utilities underground;
To revise certain "Industrial District" regulations;
To provide Special Exceptions for the "Commercial District";
To require signs to be completely off the highway right-of-way;

To adopt new size requirements for commercial signs; and
To renumber sections of the ordinance as necessary.

YES 809 NO 414

Amendment 10: Withdrawn.

Amendment 11: Withdrawn.

Amendment 12: To amend the zoning ordinance changing the classification of Lot #6-66 of 40 acres, more or less, as it appears on the Town Tax Map from the present classification of Residential to the classification of Commercial and make the appropriate change to the zoning classification map.

YES 208 NO 1019

Article 3: To allow absentee ballots for election of Town Officers.

YES 1015 NO 243

Article 4: (by Petition) Changing the term of Tax Collector from 1 yr. to 3 yrs. beginning at next years' regular Town Meeting.

YES 972 NO 302

Article 5: (by Petition) For expanding exemption of real estate for the elderly.

YES 1044 NO 225

Article 6: To adopt the semi-annual form of tax billing.

YES 456 NO 804

Article 7: Enclosure of swimming pools.

YES 910 NO 373

Article 8: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$743,289.75 for town charges.

Article 9: Voted to give the Selectmen and the Town Treasurer the authority to borrow in anticipation of taxes.

Article 10: Voted to authorize the withdrawal from Revenue Sharing Funds for the use as setoffs against budgeted appropriations for the following priority purposes and in amounts indicated;

Town office equipment	\$ 2,260.00
Town Hall renovations	2,365.00
Recreation Director	4,550.00
Police, extra Patrolman	7,400.00
Fire Dept., tanker	3,600.00
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	\$20,175.00

Article 11: Voted to appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 to purchase books for the Amherst Library and authorize the withdrawal of amount required from the Revenue Sharing Funds.

Article 12: Voted to appropriate the sum of \$8,000.00 for the purchase of a new 1 ton highway truck and authorize the withdrawal for the amount required from the Revenue Sharing Funds.

Article 13: Voted to appropriate the sum of \$4,500.00 for the purchase of a Police Cruiser and authorize the withdrawal of amount required from the Revenue Sharing Funds.

Article 14: Voted to appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 to complete the construction and equipment for the South Amherst Fire Station and authorize the withdrawal of the amount required from interest earned on invested funds.

Article 15: Voted to direct the Selectmen to transfer from the surplus account the sum of \$18,000.00 for the purpose of:

- a) \$15,000 to a highway Capital Reserve Fund
- b) \$3,000 to a Civil Preparedness Capital Reserve Fund

Article 16: (Conservation Commission) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 to purchase the so-called Whitcomb Land, lying between Joe English Brook Reservation and the Plumb Memorial Forest.

Article 17: (by Petition) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 for the construction of two public tennis courts to be located on the Middle School land on Cross Rd. and take necessary steps to apply for and receive Federal Funds for the reimbursement of 50% of the funds so raised and appropriated. Appropriation is contingent upon receipt of Federal Funds.

Article 18: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for completion of the Master Plan as authorized by the Town Meeting of March 1974.

Article 19: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,790.00 to be expended by the Bicentennial Committee to provide completion of the 1976 local Bicentennial Celebration Program, \$1,895 to be provided from income from planned activities, the balance of \$1,895 from tax dollars.

Article 20: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,200.00 to rebuild the World War I Common as a 1976 Bicentennial project.

Article 21: Voted to exclude election officials and election workers from paying Social Security.

Article 22: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,300.00 for the installation of a protective Fire Alarm System for six Town Buildings.

Article 23: Voted to appropriate the sum of \$28,000.00 and authorize the withdrawal of the amount from surplus for the purpose of providing the necessary funds to institute a retirement program for all eligible officers and employees.

Article 24: Withdrawn.

Article 25: Voted to empower the Board of Selectmen at their discretion and according to such time and conditions as they see fit to grant drainage easements to the Town of Merrimack.

A motion to recess at 9:50 p.m. was proposed to await the total vote.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

BERNICE G. BOOTHROYD, Town Clerk

Synopsis of Special Town Meeting

May 11, 1976

RE: Iron Bridge on Boston Post Road South

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m. Moderator Wight read from the Book of Psalms and the Warrant as it was posted. Approximately 400 citizens were present.

Selectmen Perry, Masten, Lown and Grella along with Attorney Drescher attended the meeting. Mrs. Ann Snow, Selectwoman, was absent due to illness.

It was noted the present Iron Bridge was built in 1912.

A motion was adopted to accept an amended article introduced by the Selectmen. The article read as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) for the purpose of providing its share of the cost of constructing a new bridge to replace the present bridge No. 193/130 spanning the Souhegan River on the Boston Post Road, South in a fashion consistent with N.H.R.S.A. 242:1-19 and to authorize the Selectmen to issue long term notes on behalf of the Town in order to permit the borrowing of said funds and to empower the Selectmen in their discretion to fix the date, maturities, denominations, the interest rate, or discount rate in the case of notes, the place of payment, the form and other details of said notes and of providing for the sale thereof, in a fashion consistent with N.H.R.S.A. Chapter 33: and to further authorize the Selectmen to apply for Federal Aid Off Systems Funds and such other Federal Aid or Grants as are applicable or take action relative thereto.

After a lengthy discussion debate was closed at 9:30 p.m. Polls were opened at 9:30 and closed at 10:30 p.m. Counting began immediately with the tally being 55 in favor and 403 opposed. **The article was defeated.** A total of 458 ballots were cast. Supervisors of Checklist, Audrey Spalding, Rosemary Biddle were present.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

BERNICE G. BOOTHROYD, Town Clerk

May 12, 1976

Marriages Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H. For the Year Ending December 31, 1976

<i>Date and Place</i>	<i>Name of Bride and Groom</i>	<i>Name of Officiant</i>
Jan. 2, Dublin	Alden Weston Miller Lorraine Mamie Sandford	Rev. Victor Abram
Jan. 3, Amherst	Luther Gregg Sullivan Michaela Ann Perry	David B. Sullivan Justice of the Peace
Jan. 17, Milford	Paul John Giannino Elizabeth Marie Papazian	Brice Repolt Elder
Jan. 17, Groton, Ma.	Robert Dean Wakefield Susan Mary Fisher	James L. Manupelli, Jr. Justice of the Peace
Feb. 7, Manchester	William I. Dupuis III Nancy McGranaghan	Rev. David B. Shirley PhD.
Feb. 28, Nashua	Alan David Ledoux Brenda Lee Bardas	Rev. Soterios Alexopoulos
Mar. 5, Nashua	William C. Stonebreaker Leona E. LaBrecque	William J. Groff Justice of the Peace
Mar. 5, Milford	Isaac Charles Hall Sandra Anna McNamee	Joseph A. Beaudoin Justice of the Peace
Mar. 13, Amherst	James B. Idell Alice J. Gallas	Rev. Arnold D. Johnson
Mar. 18, Manchester	Richard Austin Hussey Terry Ann Votaw	Peter B. Rotch Justice of the Peace
Mar. 20, Amherst	Rodney M. Trombly Elizabeth G. Davis	Constance M. Pratt Justice of the Peace
Mar. 20, Wilton	Daniel B. Trott Denise L. Thurman	Rev. Frank W. Carpenter
May 1, Milford	Peter John Shaw Sheila Gail Quinn	Rev. Louis A. Soucey
May 8, Manchester	Lionel Gerard Poirier Paula Jean Paradis	Rev. Leo Gagnon
May 8, Milford	Richard Francis Cooley, Jr. Linda Lou Larrabee	Rev. Craig H. Richards
May 8, Amherst	Kevin Bain Janet Leslie Doyle	Rev. John Ward
May 13, Amherst	Edward M. Houck Christy Boyer	Charles B. Sullivan Justice of the Peace
May 15, Merrimack	Richard William Barrett Linda Helen Levesque	Rev. Dr. David A. Kerr
May 29, Nashua	Dennis Paul Chabot Arlene Mary Abrams	Rev. John H. Roby
May 29, Milford	Steven Paul Giguere Patricia Anne Young	Rev. Lonis A. Soucey
June 12, Amherst	Steven D. Frades Claudia June Campman	Rev. Arnold D. Johnson
June 19, Amherst	Robert E. Thurston Jacqueline A. Ryan	Rev. Arnold D. Johnson
June 25, Amherst	Thomas Patrick O'Brien Carole Florence Hammersley	Catherine A. Kruger Justice of the Peace
June 26, Milford	Roger Norman Thibodeau Wendy-Jo Miller	Rev. Louis A. Soucey
July 3, Wellesley, Ma.	Pedro Reinaldo Hernandez-Lattuf MD	Rev. John J. Philbin
July 10, Amherst	Anne Patricia Hegarty Dennis J. Fenton	Catherine A. Kruger Justice of the Peace
July 10, Milford	Debra J. Beltz R. Scott Bacon	Rev. Louis A. Soucey
July 11, Amherst	Jeryl Jean Klumpp Stuart B. Schuster	Rev. Arnold D. Johnson
July 24, Amherst	Julia F. Sessler Geoffrey F. Ide	Rev. David E. Svensen
Aug. 7, Milford	Julia L. Savage David Edward Miles	Rev. William B. Wylie
Aug. 7, Milford	Cindy Lee Bruce Mark Hanna Crouter II	Rev. Edwin C. Lynn
Aug. 14, Amherst	Meredith Ann Murray C. Kurt Holter	Rev. Burrett E. McBe
Aug. 15, Nashua	Elisabeth K. Crouter Albert M. Vale	Constance M. Pratt Justice of the Peace
Aug. 26, Mont Vernon	Terri Lynn Powers Arthur Joseph Coleman, Jr.	Ruth L. Carey Justice of the Peace
Aug. 29, Amherst	Bertha May Robinson DeLoss M. Birkett	Rev. Arnold D. Johnson
	Marie Ellen Litchfield	

<i>Date and Place</i>	<i>Name of Bride and Groom</i>	<i>Name of Officiant</i>
Sept. 2, Milford	Stephen Kimball Palmer	Rev. Craig H. Richards
Sept. 4, Milford	Denise Ann Klumpp	Rev. Daniel Ferry
Sept. 4, Amherst	Martin Irving Manley	Robert H. Rowe
Sept. 11, Amherst	Sandra L. Osborn	Justice of the Peace
Sept. 11, Jaffrey	Warner L. Zellner	Andre' St. Germain
Sept. 18, Amherst	Rosemary Biddle	Justice of the Peace
Sept. 25, Manchester	Jeffrey S. Spring	Rev. Thomas Bresnahan
Sept. 25, Nashua	Joanne Boot	Rev. Arnold D. Johnson
Sept. 26, Amherst	Daniel Pierre Bergeron	Rev. Francis E. Kelso
Oct. 1, Milford	Kathryn Ann Manning	Bertha Jeanne Delorey
Oct. 2, Amherst	Lawrence S. Cooper	Justice of the Peace
Oct. 2, North Walpole	Cynthia Elaine Hart	John D. Wilcox
Oct. 2, Pelham	Randolph D. Labrum	Justice of the Peace
Oct. 9, Milford	Linda A. Newell	Dorothy Marshall
Oct. 9, Amherst	Michael Kenneth Martel	Justice of the Peace
Oct. 23, Milford	Doris Jean DeManche	Catherine A. Kruger
Oct. 23, Milford	Gene G. Godfrey	Justice of the Peace
Oct. 24, Milford	Edna A. Godfrey	William J. Groff
Nov. 13, Amherst	Gene Francis Trempe	Justice of the Peace
Nov. 20, Nashua	Janice Pearl Martel	Rev. John McHugh
Nov. 27, Nashua	John S. Webster	Rev. Louis A. Soucey
Nov. 27, Nashua	Ellen T. Keeser	Rev. Arnold D. Johnson
Nov. 27, Amherst	Robert E. Andrews, Jr.	Rev. Olav Nieuwejaar
Dec. 4, Amherst	Martha J. Cray	Rev. Daniel Ferry
Dec. 11, Amherst	Denis Roland Viens	Rev. Albert J. Morel
Dec. 21, Milford	Ann Marie White	Edna M. Bianchi
Dec. 23, Amherst	Robert James Pareti	Justice of the Peace
Dec. 23, Nashua	Kathleen Ann Lathrop	Rev. Robert D.
Dec. 24, Bedford	Robert Northrup Bentley	Schenkel, Jr.
	Marilyn Jean Walker	Rev. Thomas Peters
	Robert Dennis Colgan	Rev. Robert D.
	Vivian Diane Julier	Schenkel, Jr.
	Gary Steven Nelson	Rev. Arnold Johnson
	Randi-Jean Bohrer	Rev. John Ward
	Jeffrey M. Volpe	Catherine A. Kruger
	Judith Anne Cassese	Justice of the Peace
	Gene E. Ollila	Rev. Daniel Ferry
	Julie A. Luongo	Rev. Arnold D. Johnson
	Joseph E. Pizzigno	Catherine A. Kruger
	Joan L. Brothers	Justice of the Peace
	William Burke	Rev. Sestino M. Continelli
	Karen Pagel	John E. Jones
	Bruce D. Hartel	Justice of the Peace
	Virginia G. Larson	
	Stephen K. Noble	
	Jeannie R. Frenette	
	Murray L. Buck	
	Elvira C. Benway	
	Colin J. Lincoln	
	Sheryl Anne Ames	
	John Armor Blank	
	Ingrid Priestley Bjork	
	G. Allan Walker, Jr.	
	Arlene M. Spencer	
	Robert H. Tyler	
	Ruth M. Snyder	
	Eric Watson Hare	
	Andrina Carter	
	Peter Ellis Hull	
	Jacqueline N. Swanburg	

Births Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H. For the Year Ending December 31, 1976

<i>Date and Place</i>	<i>Name of Child</i>	<i>Name of Father</i>	<i>Name of Mother</i>
1975			
Dec. 16, Nashua	Damon Perkins Oaks	Stephen E. Oaks	Carolyn Perkins
1976			
Jan. 2, Manchester	Michael Joseph Krolkowski	Joseph C. Krolkowski	Carole C. Sanson
Jan. 2, Manchester	Matthew Rudolph Krolkowski	Joseph C. Krolkowski	Carole C. Sanson
Jan. 13, Nashua	Erik Mitchell Lofgren	Clifford E. Lofgren	Sandra A. Mitchell
Jan. 21, Nashua	Kevin Thomas Mortimer	Thomas J. Mortimer	Mary J. Chiarenza
Jan. 22, Manchester	Jessica Anne Rice	Robert H. Rice	Deborah Marsh
Jan. 22, Concord	Christopher Brendan Drescher	William R. Drescher	Carol A. O'Connor
Jan. 27, Nashua	Christopher Michael Ancil	Marcel P. Ancil	Linda C. Desautels
Jan. 30, Nashua	Michelle Marie Ferris	Thomas P. Ferris	Maureen E. Healy
Feb. 7, Nashua	Brooke Lathrop	Scott L. Lathrop	Linda Coleman
Feb. 12, Nashua	Shawn Michael Burke	John J. Burke	Andrea J. Mahoney
Feb. 13, Nashua	Hailey Allison Caruso	Alfred J. Caruso, Jr.	Judith I. Levine
Feb. 22, Nashua	Todd Edward Norwood	Karl E. Norwood	Louise M. Marchildon
Feb. 29, Worcester, Ma.	Stephan Anthony Murray	Louis L. Murray, Sr.	Mary M. Doherty
Mar. 18, Nashua	Geoffrey Alexis Gilbert	Denis Alfred Gilbert	Bettina I. Blochwitz
Mar. 23, Nashua	Heather Torrey Jaquay	Floyd A. Jaquay	Holly C. Howe
Mar. 23, Nashua	Lindsay Elizabeth Hatch	Jay P. Hatch	Paula E. Lavin
Mar. 30, Peterborough	Alison Kathryn DiSalvo	Dominic J. DiSalvo	Cynthia A. Owens
Apr. 7, Manchester	Amy Estelle Ray	Richard R. Ray	Josephine R. Sorrentino
Apr. 16, Nashua	Melissa Mae Putnam	Michael E. Putnam	Kim L. Bailey
Apr. 19, Nashua	Christine Marie Marquis	Robert J. Marquis	Yvette T. Lefebvre
Apr. 27, Nashua	Joseph Vincent DiRico	John T. DiRico	Rita D. Barker
Apr. 27, Nashua	Jon Michael Brian Vee	Jon M. Vee	Estelle Papagiolas
May 18, Nashua	Rebecca Stephanie Merrill	George D. Merrill, Jr.	Stephanie P. Kalin
May 18, Nashua	Stephanie Lynn Paradis	Dennis R. Paradis	Louise R. Conlet
May 24, Nashua	Anthony Vincent Balsama	Richard E. Balsama	Maybelle L. Cederholm
May 31, Nashua	Jessica Bell Munson	Edward R. Munson	Janet A. Bell
June 6, Nashua	Derek Russell Baksay	Russell J. Baksay	Patricia J. Rose
June 20, Nashua	Jamie Lynn Horan	James F. Horan	Judith E. Roughtling
June 21, Nashua	Melissa Joy Champagne	Martin J. Champagne	Patricia O'Brien
June 26, Nashua	Sara Gayl Wright	Stephen A. Wright	Jamie Gayl Sanders
July 5, Nashua	Andrew David Douglas	David C. Douglas	Ann T. Bloddeau
July 13, Nashua	Aaron Snay	Jeffrey A. Snay	Susan E. O'Keefe

<i>Date and Place</i>	<i>Name of Child</i>	<i>Name of Father</i>	<i>Name of Mother</i>
July 21, Nashua	Sharon Fay Dew	Dirk F. Drew	Linda M. Caine
July 30, Nashua	Joseph James Rendino	Robert J. Rendino	Michel J. Czopek
July 31, Manchester	Pamela Marie Wheeler	Carl A. Wheeler	Linda M. Bouchard
Aug. 2, Nashua	John Franklin Heaps III	John F. Heaps, Jr.	Jane R. Murray
Aug. 3, Nashua	Erin Browning	George U. Browning	Theresa M. Marshall
Aug. 4, Nashua	Elizabeth Endisley Jordan	Michael E. Jordan	Bridget K. McHugh
Aug. 8, Newton, Ma.	Kimberlee Ann Labonte	Thad A. Jackson	Patience E. Kenney
Aug. 24, Nashua	Kevin James Cullen	Roger L. Calen	Shirley A. Strrell
Aug. 27, Nashua	Kristen Anne Belanger	James J. Calen	Eileen M. Barry
Aug. 29, Nashua	Alison Marie Campbell	Maurice E. Belanger	Irene J. Provencier
Sept. 3, Nashua	Alice Esther Nelson	Craig B. Nelson	Jacqueline M. Maguire
Sept. 4, Nashua	Rebecca Louise Tingleff	Paul H. Tingleff	Sandra S. Fancher
Sept. 7, Nashua	John Walter Slocum	Lee G. Slocum	Carol A. Miller
Sept. 12, Nashua	Joseph August Jasper	David F. Jasper	Jill M. Guinon
Sept. 15, Nashua	James Michael MacLeod	James J. MacLeod	Cynthia R. Cook
Sept. 20, Nashua	Jennifer Michelle Knous	Garret P. Cowenhoven	Jean M. Connellan
Sept. 20, Concord	Christopher McGauran Gill	Roger W. Gill, Sr.	Virginia Fritts
Sept. 20, Nashua	Ashley Bruce Stearns	William E. Stearns, Jr.	Karen E. McGauran
Sept. 27, Nashua	Rebekah Nina Leone	Robert Nino Leone	Laura K. Bruce
Sept. 30, Nashua	Andrea Lynne Talarico	Stephen F. Talarico	Cheryl C. Gentile
Oct. 8, Nashua	Peter Graham Bielagus	Justin S. Bielagus	Joan M. Stohr
Oct. 13, Nashua	Connie Jean Tabor	Gerald D. Tabor	Barbara A. Horn
Oct. 14, Nashua	Jeff William Hillsgrrove	James A. Hillsgrrove	Martha J. Hodsdon
Oct. 16, Nashua	Brian Daniel Callahan	Thomas G. Callahan	Bonnie B. Bean
Oct. 17, Nashua	Angie Michelle Trott	Daniel B. Trott	Barbara J. Fussell
Oct. 18, Nashua	Jay Holmes Edmonds	John Edmonds, Jr.	Denise L. Thurman
Nov. 4, Nashua	Givin Bradley Douglas	Givin M. Owen	Karen L. Holmes
Nov. 9, Dover	Jonathan Howard King	Stephen M. King	Diana K. Brown
Nov. 14, Nashua	Christopher Lee Coleman	Arthur J. Coleman, Jr.	Barbara J. Boothroyd
Nov. 14, Nashua	Erin Elizabeth Palmer	Howard L. Palmer	Bertha M. Robinson
Nov. 23, Nashua	Erin Elizabeth Palmer	Howard L. Palmer	Bertha M. Robinson
Dec. 12, Nashua	Anthony Dane Wojcieki	Anthony M. Wojcieki	Sally Johnson
			Caroline A. McChrystal

Deaths Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H. For the Year Ending December 31, 1976

<i>Date and Place</i>	<i>Name of Deceased</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Name of Father</i>	<i>Name of Mother</i>
Jan. 12, Manchester	Doris L. Buma	42	Rene Belisle	Anita Lerer
Jan. 19, Amherst	Roberta S. Hartel	54	Frank Stephen	Mary VanNetta
Jan. 25, Nashua	Rita Quibin	53	Arsene Ancil	Mathilda Pelletier
Jan. 27, Amherst	Henry A. Davis	16	Robert A. Davis	Laura Pelky
Jan. 30, Nashua	Andrew H. Ruoff	55	Charles Ruoff	Elsa Bruns
Feb. 7, Boston, Ma.	Edward Marchildon	67	Heinrich Tito	Catherine Desaulnier
Feb. 10, Amherst	Max H. Tito	88	Frank Phelps	Bertha Moll
Feb. 15, Nashua	Frank Phelps	68	John Emerson	Rattie A. Andrews
Feb. 17, Amherst	Marie E. Woodsey	62	Maurice R. Garon	Bridine Berger
Feb. 17, Amherst	Janet E. McDonald	96	Joseph Richardson	Anita A. Lapote
Feb. 20, Manchester	Joseph E. Richardson	91	Harvey Durkee	Angeline Anderson
Mar. 26, Nashua	Ruth M. Powers	72	John J. Henry	Elizabeth
Apr. 15, Nashua	Martha Watson	65	John F. Bruce, Sr.	Annie McQuire
Apr. 17, Nashua	John P. Bruce Jr.	18	John F. Bruce, Sr.	Janet L. Buffelli
Apr. 18, Nashua	Anna Elliott	94	Arthur Dow	Minnie McLain
Apr. 17, Nashua	Arthur J. Shanahan	82	Patrick Shanahan	Bridget
Apr. 17, Beverly, Ma.	Guy H. Copeland	85	Ellis E. Copeland	Jane Beard
May 11, Nashua	Marc A. deFerranti	71	Maurice Z. deFerranti	Ette Pugh
May 20, Amherst	Walter C. Ryan	80	George D. Ryan	Angeline J. Vaine
June 11, Nashua	Richard P. Hermsdorf	80	Richard Hermsdorf	Augustus Focke
June 22, Amherst	Loretta Santangelo	60	Theodore Grompone	Jennie Santamauro
June 24, Amherst	George B. Gallo	19	Lucio Gallo	Evelyn Cipolla
June 24, Amherst	Gerald A. Gallo	19	Lucio Gallo	Evelyn Cipolla
June 29, Manchester	Arthur J. Coleman, Sr.	67	Samuel Coleman	Mary Maxfield
July 5, Goffstown	Ruth C. Manning	75	George Cheney	Emma Taylor
July 5, Amherst	Christine M. Marquis	2 mo.	Robert J. Marquis	Yvette Lefebvre
July 16, Manchester	Frieda L. Simon	81	John Heinritz	Margaret Wendler
July 29, Nashua	George Gautier	74	Joseph Gautier	Susan Hill
Aug. 13, Nashua	Thomas A. Quinn	50	John J. Quinn	Josephine Tracy
Aug. 27, Nashua	Grace C. Blackmar	53	Edward J. Croke	Marguerite Rolin
Oct. 20, Nashua	George J. Corbett	79	George H. Corbett	Ellen Finley
Oct. 21, Nashua	John F. Manning	73	John Manning	Mary Sullivan
Nov. 4, Manchester	Russell Young	78	Percy Young	Maria E. Lawrence
Nov. 10, Amherst	Joseph O. Goetz	76	Nicholas Goetz	Anna Erwin
Nov. 17, Nashua	Clyde I. Phillips	63	Homor Phillips	Lina Erwin
Nov. 26, Nashua	Herbert Steinbeck	70	Carl Steinbruck	Alice Wiesenber
Dec. 19, Milford	William S. Wells	83	Frank H. Wells	Sarah F. Lester
Dec. 18, Danvers, Ma.	Arthur Fedas	67	Peter Fedas	Georgia Choukalas
Dec. 25, Nashua	Richard Carter	19	Harry B. Carter, Jr.	June Young

Brought From Away and Buried in Amherst, N. H.

<i>Date and Place</i>	<i>Name of Deceased</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Name of Cemetery</i>
Feb. 1, Nashua	Bernard J. Ryan	78	St. Patrick's
Feb. 19, Milford	Elizabeth B. Weston	74	Cricket Corner
May 20, Roslindale, Ma.	Clarence Wilson	91	Meadowview
Oct. 4, Worcester, Ma.	Betty-Jean Smith	51	Meadowview
Oct. 26, Nashua	Frank F. Richardson	90	Meadowview
Oct. 27, Pinellas Park, Fl.	Warren L. Avery	66	Meadowview
Dec. 2, Weston, Ma.	Whitney Roberts Nolte	75	Meadowview

I hereby certify that the foregoing returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge.

BERNICE G. BOOTHROYD, Town Clerk

December 31, 1976

The Edward Conti Scholarship

Earlier this year the town of Amherst was privileged to receive a legacy in the amount of \$15,000 from the Estate of Edward Conti establishing the Amherst Scholarship Foundation. It was Mr. Conti's wish that this money be invested and that the interest be used to help some deserving Amherst young people to further their education.

Edward Conti was born in Milford, educated in local schools and except for a period during World War 2 and a brief time after the war when he was employed in the South, spent most of his life in Amherst and Milford.

At an early age Mr. Conti was introduced to the Milford Granite business, more particularly to the art of stone cutting and monument design, by his father and uncle. This interest continued when following the sale of the family business Mr. Conti began a most successful mail order business with Calvary Monument Company. His deep interest in the monument business was thus continued without offering competition to local craftsmen. The success he enjoyed in his chosen field is in no small part marked by his generous gesture establishing this scholarship.

The Board of Selectmen accept with thanks this most generous bequest and are turning it over to the Trustees of the Amherst Trust Funds, of which he was a member, to invest in accordance with Mr. Conti's wishes. The Board hopes that other of our citizens, knowing that such a foundation exists, will fill a desire to add to the amount so invested from time to time.

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of the
School District Officers
of
Amherst, N. H.
for the
Year Ending June 30, 1976

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AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Officers — 1976-77

School Board	Term Expires
Elizabeth D. Puddington	1977
Ronald L. Pomerleau	1978
Herbert C. Stearns	1979
Roland L. Schoepf	Superintendent
Richard T. Connolly	Business Administrator
Mrs. Louise Ainsworth	Clerk-Treasurer
Creeley S. Buchanan	Moderator
Jan J. Tigchelaar, M.D.	School Physician
Mrs. Hope Caulfield	School Nurse
Mrs. Rosalie McGeoch	School Nurse
John Osborn	Attendance Officer
Orson H. Bragdon	Auditor
Maurice R. Martel	Auditor

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1976-77

Begin	Close	
Sept. 8 (Wed.)	Dec. 23 (Thurs.)	72 days
(Oct. 22, Nov. 11, 12, 25, 26 — No School)		
Jan. 3 (Mon.)	Feb. 18 (Fri.)	35 days
Feb. 28 (Mon.)	Apr. 22 (Fri.)	39 days
(Apr. 8 — No School)		
May 2 (Mon.)	June 17 (Fri.)	34 days
(May 30 — No School)		
		<hr/> 180 days*

Tentative — 1977-78

(Subject to revision in the fall.)

Begin	Close	
Sept. 7 (Wed.)	Dec. 23 (Fri.)	73 days
(Oct. 14, Nov. 10, 11, 24, 25 — No School)		
Jan. 4 (Wed.)	Feb. 17 (Fri.)	33 days
Feb. 27 (Mon.)	Apr. 21 (Fri.)	39 days
(Apr. 10 — No School)		
May 1 (Mon.)	June 19 (Mon.)	35 days
(May 30 — No School)		
		<hr/> 180 days*

*This calendar is subject to changes authorized by your School Board, the State Department of Education, or when school is closed because of dangerous traveling conditions or emergencies. The minimum legal requirement is 180 days actually in session.

SCHOOL WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of AMHERST qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Wilkins School in said district on the eighth day of March, 1977, at 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. — Will not close before 7:00 p.m.

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
4. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing year.
5. To choose two Members of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

Given under our hands at said Amherst this 7th day of February 1977.

ELIZABETH D. PUDDINGTON
RONALD L. POMERLEAU
HERBERT C. STEARNS
School Board

A true copy of Warrant — Attest:
ELIZABETH D. PUDDINGTON
RONALD L. POMERLEAU
HERBERT C. STEARNS
School Board

SCHOOL WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the School district in the town of AMHERST, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Wilkins School in said district on the 4th day of March 1977, at eight o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer and fix the compensation of any other officer or agent of the district.
2. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
3. To choose agents, auditors and committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
4. To see if the district will authorize the School Board to make application for and receive in the name of the district such advances, grants and aids, or other funds for educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the United States Government or any other state or private agency.
5. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,500 to reroof the south side of the roof of the Wilkins School original building running from the administrative offices to the new addition, and to patch that portion of the roof over the classrooms of the original building.
6. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for architectural fees and site preparation for renovation of and an addition to the Clark School.

7. To see what sum of money the district will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for school district officials and agents, and for payment of the statutory obligations of the district.

8. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Amherst this 7th day of February 1977.

ELIZABETH D. PUDDINGTON
RONALD L. POMERLEAU
HERBERT C. STEARNS
School Board

A true copy of Warrant — Attest:
ELIZABETH D. PUDDINGTON
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HERBERT C. STEARNS
School Board

AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

ACCOUNT NUMBER and DESCRIPTION	BUDGETED 1975-76	ACTUAL 1975-76	BUDGETED 1976-77	PROPOSED 1977-78
100 Series Administration				
110 Salaries of District Officers	\$ 1,860.00	\$ 2,089.10	\$ 2,460.00	\$ 3,660.00
135 Contracted Services	300.00	300.00	325.00	1,100.00
190 Other Expenses for Administration	1,775.00	3,174.20	1,825.00	1,975.00
100 Series Total	3,935.00	5,563.30	4,610.00	6,735.00
200 Series Instruction				
210.1 Teachers' Salaries	812,733.00)	881,718.63	965,269.00	1,109,694.00
210.2 New Staff	88,208.00)		42,500.00	70,000.00
210.3 Summer Curriculum	800.00	600.00	500.00	3,200.00
210.4 Gesell Testing	725.00	660.00	1,450.00	2,200.00
210.5 Insurance	27,065.00	29,846.44	43,455.00	51,000.00
210.6 Teacher Scholarship	3,600.00	1,947.00	5,400.00	6,900.00
210 Total	933,131.00	914,772.07	1,058,574.00	1,242,994.00
215 Textbooks	9,380.00	9,280.38	6,980.00	15,699.00
220 Library & Audio Visual	15,450.00	14,792.25	19,520.00	22,782.00
230 Teaching Supplies	35,416.00	33,069.98	39,500.00	48,262.00
235 Contracted Services	5,717.00	4,230.18	9,747.00	16,807.00
290 Other Expenses for Instruction	4,095.00	4,590.64	6,485.00	9,418.00
200 Series Total	1,003,189.00	980,735.50	1,140,806.00	1,355,962.00
300 Series Attendance	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00

	BUDGETED 1975-76	ACTUAL 1975-76	BUDGETED 1976-77	PROPOSED 1977-78
400 Series Health Services	13,062.00	12,874.28	13,766.00	14,806.00
500 Series Transportation	117,294.00	120,509.00	131,450.00	139,450.00
600 Series Operation of Plant				
610 Salaries	61,760.00	58,058.13	64,139.00	67,736.00
630 Supplies	10,000.00	11,079.56	9,634.00	10,500.00
635 Contracted Services	1,600.00	1,787.40	3,825.00	4,247.00
640 Heat	47,550.00	48,658.25	48,879.00	50,587.00
645 Utilities	32,826.00	39,291.79	37,917.00	44,248.00
600 Series Total	153,736.00	158,875.13	164,394.00	177,318.00
700 Series Maintenance of Plant	14,552.00	15,300.68	18,011.00	23,538.00
800 Series Fixed Charges	91,794.00	83,788.95	100,039.00	120,805.00
900 Series Federal Lunch	11,000.00	21,010.67	15,000.00	17,000.00
1000 Series Student Body Activities	4,050.00	2,338.50	4,050.00	5,150.00
1100 Series Community Activities	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	2,650.00
1200 Series Capital Outlay				
1265 Sites	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1266 Buildings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1267 Equipment	9,000.00	7,461.17	11,519.00	17,315.00
1200 Series Total	9,000.00	7,461.17	11,519.00	17,315.00

AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

	BUDGETED 1975-'76	ACTUAL 1975-'76	BUDGETED 1976-'77	PROPOSED 1977-'78
1300 Series Debt Service				
1370 Principal	235,000.00	235,000.00	235,000.00	235,000.00
1371 Interest	156,010.00	156,010.00	144,761.00	133,510.00
Service Charge	15.00	11.05	15.00	15.00
1300 Series Total	391,025.00	391,021.05	379,776.00	368,525.00
1400 Series Outgoing Transfer Accounts				
1477.1 Tuition In State (Milford)	539,293.00)	575,933.62	655,928.00	723,081.00
AREA Rental	44,946.00)		56,476.00	65,976.00
Extra Seats (Milford)	0.00	0.00	4,799.00	3,000.00
Tuition Handicapped (Milford)	2,006.00	1,531.52	1,900.00	0.00
Tuition Trainable (Milford)	2,800.00	2,800.00	2,800.00	4,925.00
1477.2 Transportation - Handicapped	1,121.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transportation - Trainable	2,916.00	0.00	2,916.00	2,916.00
1477.3 Supervisory Union Share	45,756.57	45,756.57	51,758.83	57,616.47
1479.1 Tuition Non Public	17,294.00	14,126.61	18,355.00	40,000.00
1479.2 Transportation Non Public	12,921.00	9,214.76	17,505.00	30,000.00
1400 Series Total	669,053.57	649,363.08	812,437.83	927,514.47
1800 Series Contingency	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
TOTAL BUDGET	\$2,488,240.57	\$2,450,391.31	\$2,802,408.83	\$3,181,818.47

	APPROVED BY		APPROVED BY		
	TAX COMMISSION	ACTUAL	TAX COMMISSION	PROPOSED	
REVENUE	1975-76	1975-76	1976-77	1977-78	
Unencumbered Balance	\$ 90,504.25	\$ 96,943.79	\$ 63,808.53	\$ 35,000.00	
Sweepstakes	44,086.64	44,086.64	61,044.56	44,000.00	
Foundation Aid	25,514.85	25,514.85	0.00	0.00	
School Building Aid	71,432.81	71,432.81	71,432.81	71,432.00	
Foster Children Aid	900.00	400.00	900.00	0.00	
School Lunch & Special Milk	11,000.00	35,597.65	15,000.00	17,000.00	
Trust Fund Income	900.00	1,222.35	900.00	1,200.00	
Rent	2,000.00	2,267.50	2,500.00	2,500.00	
Investment Revenue	44,000.00	40,499.33	0.00	0.00	
Tuition from Patrons	0.00	1,228.36	0.00	0.00	
NDEA	0.00	775.00	0.00	0.00	
PL 874	0.00	14,805.00	0.00	0.00	
Title III ESEA	0.00	12,448.54	0.00	0.00	
Title IV	0.00	545.52	0.00	3,800.00	
SHARE	0.00	253.10	0.00	0.00	
Net Insurance Recovery	0.00	4,479.05	0.00	0.00	
Temporary Deposits & Investments	0.00	2,526.95	0.00	2,500.00	
Other Revenue from Local Sources	0.00	15,625.04	0.00	0.00	
State Gas	0.00	4,091.55	4,000.00	4,000.00	
TOTAL REVENUE AND CREDITS	\$ 290,338.55	\$ 374,743.03	\$ 219,585.90	\$ 181,432.00	
DISTRICT ASSESSMENT	2,197,902.02		2,596,322.93	3,000,386.47	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$2,488,240.57		\$2,815,908.83	\$3,181,818.47	

AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT PROGRAM BUDGET 1977 - 1978

Budget Summary

PROGRAM	SALARIES	NON EXPENDABLE MATERIALS	EXPENDABLE MATERIALS	CONTRACTED SERVICES	REPLACEMENT FIXED ASSETS	ACQUISITION FIXED ASSETS	TRAVEL	TOTAL
Administrative Services	151,891.00	200.00	3,770.00	77,331.47	1,298.00	9,897.00	1,300.00	245,687.47
Educational Programs	1,123,741.00	15,699.00	47,357.00			5,711.70	1,813.00	1,194,321.70
Educational Support	71,380.00	15,000.00	8,387.00	855,589.00	600.00	1,206.30		952,162.30
Other Support Services	21,652.00		546.00	189,516.00			200.00	211,914.00
Plant & Facilities	74,736.00		10,500.00	120,222.00		500.00	600.00	206,558.00
Community Activity	2,000.00			650.00				2,650.00
Debt Service				368,525.00				368,525.00
Budget Summary Totals	1,445,400.00	30,899.00	70,560.00	1,611,833.47	1,898.00	17,315.00	3,913.00	3,181,818.47

Administrative Services

Attendance	50.00							50.00
Building Administration	147,681.00	200.00	2,070.00	2,035.00	1,298.00	9,897.00	1,300.00	164,481.00
Census	500.00							500.00
Contingency				5,000.00				5,000.00
Insurance				11,805.00				11,805.00
School Board	3,660.00		1,700.00	53,491.47				63,851.47
Totals	151,891.00	200.00	3,770.00	77,331.47	1,298.00	9,897.00	1,300.00	245,687.47

AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT PROGRAM BUDGET 1977 - 1978

Educational Programs

PROGRAM	SALARIES	NON EXPENDABLE MATERIALS	EXPENDABLE MATERIALS	CONTRACTED SERVICES	REPLACEMENT FIXED ASSETS	ACQUISITION FIXED ASSETS	TRAVEL	TOTAL
English/Language Arts	386,371.00	7,093.87	10,281.15					403,746.02
Foreign Languages	31,753.00	87.95	733.80		494.80			33,069.55
Mathematics	178,824.00	3,348.84	6,450.74					188,623.58
Home Economics	21,854.00	235.00	2,428.30		741.18			25,258.48
Industrial Arts	21,107.00	225.37	2,579.13		1,007.27			24,918.77
Art	44,326.00		6,862.61		408.00			51,596.61
Music-Choral Classroom	66,406.00	1,032.29	400.95		284.50			68,123.74
Music-Instrumental		237.80			1,397.80			1,635.60
Physical Education	41,078.00		934.98		999.20			43,012.18
Readiness	50,434.00		491.53					50,925.53
Science	127,068.00	654.40	2,258.68		188.00			130,169.08
Social Studies	123,645.00	1,873.99	968.25					126,487.24
Learning Disabilities	27,644.00	429.49	527.88		190.95			28,792.32
Remedial Reading		480.00	24.00					504.00
Speech Therapy	3,231.00		89.95					3,320.95
Health Education			2,000.00				1,813.00	3,813.00
Small Supplies			10,325.05					10,325.05
Totals	1,123,741.00	15,699.00	47,357.00		5,711.70		1,813.00	1,194,321.70

AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT PROGRAM BUDGET 1977 -1978

Educational Support

PROGRAM	SALARIES	NON EXPENDABLE MATERIALS	EXPENDABLE MATERIALS	CONTRACTED SERVICES	REPLACEMENT FIXED ASSETS	ACQUISITION FIXED ASSETS	TRAVEL	TOTAL
Guidance	31,514.00		605.00	3,945.00				36,064.00
In Service Education	12,100.00			1,250.00				13,350.00
Media Services								
Library	27,366.00	15,000.00						42,366.00
Audio Visual								
Special Ed. Consortium	400.00		7,782.00	2,610.00	600.00	1,206.30		12,198.30
Tuition				10,802.00				11,202.00
Regular				792,057.00				792,057.00
Special Ed. Public				4,925.00				4,925.00
Special Ed. Private				40,000.00				40,000.00
Totals	71,380.00	15,000.00	8,387.00	855,589.00	600.00	1,206.30		952,162.30

Other Support Services

Food Services				17,000.00				17,000.00
Health Services	16,502.00		546.00	150.00			200.00	17,398.00
Student Activities	5,150.00							5,150.00
Transportation								
Field Trips				3,550.00				3,550.00
Mileage				4,800.00				4,800.00
Regular				131,100.00				131,100.00
Special Ed. Private				30,000.00				30,000.00
Special Ed. Public				2,916.00				2,916.00
Totals	21,652.00		546.00	189,516.00			200.00	211,914.00

AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT PROGRAM BUDGET 1977 - 1978

Plant and Facilities

PROGRAM	SALARIES	NON EXPENDABLE MATERIALS	EXPENDABLE MATERIALS	CONTRACTED SERVICES	REPLACEMENT FIXED ASSETS	ACQUISITION FIXED ASSETS	TRAVEL	TOTAL
Custodial	74,736.00		10,500.00	4,247.00		500.00	600.00	90,583.00
Heating				50,587.00				50,587.00
Maintenance of Buildings				16,750.00				16,750.00
Maintenance of Equip.				4,390.00				4,390.00
Maintenance of Grounds								
Utilities				44,248.00				44,248.00
Totals	74,736.00		10,500.00	120,222.00		500.00	600.00	206,558.00

Community Activities

Community Programs	2,000.00							2,000.00
Care of Grounds				650.00				650.00
Totals	2,000.00			650.00				2,650.00

Debt Service

Principal				235,000.00				235,000.00
Interest				133,510.00				133,510.00
Service Charge				15.00				15.00
Totals				368,525.00				368,525.00

PLODZIK AND SANDERSON

Accountants and Auditors

Kearsarge Building
5 South State Street
Concord, N. H. 03301

July 2, 1976

The School Board
Amherst School District
Amherst, New Hampshire 03031

Gentlemen:

We have examined the financial statements of the Amherst School District for the fiscal years 1974 and 1975, as well as the Middle School Building Fund for the period November 17, 1972 to January 31, 1976. As a part of our examination, we have reviewed and tested the School District's system of internal accounting control to the extent we considered necessary to evaluate the system as required by generally accepted auditing standards. Under these standards, the purpose of such evaluation is to establish a basis for reliance thereon in determining the nature, timing, and extent of other auditing procedures that are necessary for expressing an opinion on the financial statements.

The objective of internal accounting control is to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance as to the safeguarding of assets against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and reliability of financial records for preparing financial statements and maintaining accountability for assets. The concept of reasonable assurance recognizes that the cost of a system of internal accounting control should not exceed the benefits derived and also recognizes that the evaluation of these factors necessarily requires estimates and judgments by management.

Our study and evaluation of the School District's system of internal accounting control for the years ended June 30, 1974, and June 30, 1975, which was made for the purpose set forth in the first paragraph above, would not necessarily disclose all weaknesses in the system. However, such study and evaluation disclosed the following conditions that we

believe to be material weaknesses for which corrective action may be practicable in the circumstances.

General Fund:

The accounting records maintained by the District consist of cash receipts and revenues recorded and posted by hand, while the disbursements are handled by a bookkeeping machine which writes the check, prints the manifest, and posts the expenditure in one operation. We recommend that the accounting system be updated so that the method used will furnish information relating to the financial position of the School District more efficiently throughout the fiscal year.

Control over the expenditures is insufficient to ensure that items are manifested properly. For example, during the period under examination, several bills were paid twice and refunds or credits had to be issued by vendors. Also, one vendor returned a duplicate payment check to the District which was included on the same manifest twice. Likewise, several checks were disbursed for which no bills were attached to the purchase orders validating the expenses. Advances are made to school board members for conferences and conventions without any substantiation or receipts for services obtained.

We recommend that all District disbursements be approved by the Business Administrator before being submitted to the School Board for payment to ensure that all goods have been received and services rendered.

Federal Project Funds:

In fiscal 1974-75, the School District expended E.S.E.A. Title II Funds of \$1,693.00 and E.S.E.A. Title III Funds of \$910.00. These amounts were reimbursed to the School District in fiscal 1975-76. However, the total amount of \$2,603.00 was charged against the 1974-75 budget without consideration to accounts receivable, which resulted in the surplus of the District being understated by that amount at June 30, 1975.

We recommend that when federal project funds are authorized and approved, immediate recognition be given in the District records. This will facilitate year-end reporting with the effect of recognizing accounts receivables and encumbrances against each federal project. Accurate account-

ing control over federal project funds is mandatory to properly reflect the correct fund balances, as well as the surplus of the District at the end of the fiscal year.

The converse is also true when federal project funds are received in advance. The difference between the amount actually received and spent must be earmarked or encumbered for the ensuing year.

Middle School Building Fund:

The audit of this fund from inception to completion revealed many deficiencies and deviations from standard accounting procedures which we have enumerated below:

No formal journals or records were kept at any time during the construction of the building. All information regarding the activity in the building fund was recorded in the Treasurer's cash book but classification of receipts and expenditures was nonexistent. We had to analyze all of the transactions in order to recapitulate the activity for the period under examination.

During the examination we found that two checks were written to Available Supply for \$589.21. The first was dated March 1, 1974, and the second November 6, 1974. It appears from checking the bill and purchase order that this was a duplicate payment. The current Business Administrator has informed us that the company does not exist at this time. Therefore, it appears that the School District has lost \$589.21.

As previously mentioned under the General Fund, there were also numerous disbursements in the building fund without proper documentation such as an invoice or purchase order to substantiate payment. No disbursement should be made without a purchase order and invoice proving receipt of goods or service.

Our audit report will show that the initial project authorization, voted at the Special School District Meeting on November 17, 1972, amounted to \$2,008,125.00, of which \$2,000,000.00 in bonds were issued, leaving an authorized but unissued balance of \$8,125.00. At a special meeting on September 21, 1973, an additional \$950,000.00 was authorized and subsequently issued for the project. Also, at the regular School District Meeting of March 1, 1974, \$19,800.00 was appropriated from the interest earned on the invested

funds for a total project authorization of \$2,997,925.00 (\$2,008,125.00, \$950,000.00, and \$19,800.00). Total expenditures amounted to \$2,988,994.00, thus resulting in a project overexpenditure of \$11,069.00. This would be the final overdraft, providing the remaining balance of the authorization were to be issued. However, we've been given to understand that this is not the intent. Therefore, the net overexpenditure amounts to \$19,194.00. This amount has been charged to the total interest earned by the fund, which amounted to \$219,260.00. The balance of interest has been returned to the General Fund in fiscal 1975 and 1976.

School Lunch Program Fund:

The School Lunch Program Director does not enter the check number on Form AL-3 when recording the disbursements. This procedure makes it very difficult to trace the expenditures because one invoice might be distributed between three schools. Likewise, the receipts are not summarized between the three schools and distributed as to the source required.

There were no paid bills available for fiscal 1973-74. We were informed that they were thrown away in error. The check numbers were not recorded on the paid bills for 1974-75. Therefore, it was difficult to reference them to the disbursement entries in the journals. We recommend that the check number be written on the paid bills and that the distribution of the expenses to each school be referenced. This procedure will ensure a better control over the expenditures and the quantities of food and supply items used by each school during the year.

School Activity Funds:

Wilkins Clark Activity Fund:

No formal accounting records are maintained for the Wilkins Clark Activity Fund. We had to reconcile the bank statements with the checkbook stubs in order to arrive at the cash balance at the end of each fiscal year. The bank statement, cancelled checks, and deposit slips for April, 1974 were missing. We also found a sealed envelope with \$5.00 in it which had been found by a student on school property and mingled with the other records that were in a cardboard box.

Middle School Activities Fund:

The Middle School Activities Fund maintains formal accounting records in a journal with a different activity title for each account. However, the journal of these activity accounts is not reconciled to the bank statements on a monthly basis. We had to analyze all the recorded receipts and expenditures in order to balance with the bank statement at the end of the fiscal year. Eighty dollars (\$80.00) was recorded in the journal as having been received, but we could not trace it to the bank statement. Also, no bills were submitted to substantiate the expenditures.

We also noted a number of checks are made payable to the Middle School Activity Account from the Amherst School District General Fund for petty cash expenditures. After reviewing some of these expenditures which are charged to the activity general fund, we feel that some are for items that should have been paid from the regular School District account. The principal's petty cash should be used only for small miscellaneous purchases and only when absolutely necessary.

We have given the Business Administrator a copy of a system which is used for the control of Activity accounts in other school districts. We feel that this system can very easily be adapted to be used by both the Wilkins Clark School Activity Fund and the Middle School Activities Fund of the Amherst School District.

In our opinion, the implementation of these recommendations will aid the safeguarding of the School District's assets, improve internal control, provide the necessary documentation for the authorized expenditures, and in general, aid the School District in its accounting functions.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the office staff of the Amherst School District for their cooperation in providing us with the documents necessary for completion of the audit.

We will be happy to meet with the School Board to discuss these recommendations at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

PLODZIK & SANDERSON

REPORT OF THE AMHERST SCHOOL BOARD

1976-1977

Since many of the School Board's responsibilities are ongoing, the following commentary on the past year might best be considered a progress report — a look at where we are going and how far we are along the way. In addition to routine duties, the Board has undertaken projects in three major areas this year: 1) planning; 2) resolution of the high school issue; and 3) increased citizen participation in the schools.

The foundation for long-range planning has been established over the past several years by the introduction of several proven management techniques. They provide a framework in which the Board can review the programs of the school system, and also make more information available to the public. We have developed a five-year plan of objectives for continuing improvement, and adopted a program budget format which shows in detail how funds are allocated for instructional purposes. We can now determine, for example, how much the reading program costs, including salaries and instructional materials. Under the previous format, these costs were added to those of every other program, to give us the familiar but uninformative line item totals. Once completely implemented, improved management techniques will enable the Board to report how much each program costs, and how well it is achieving its objectives. The next step is to find out what the community thinks should be happening in our schools, if the school system were ideally effective.

When Lewis Carroll's Alice inquired of the Cheshire Cat, "Would you tell me, please, which way I ought to go from here?", he very sensibly replied, "That depends a good deal on where you want to get to." Instead of equating progress with simple improvement, the School Board has chosen to find out where the school district "wants to get to," and to plan a strategy which will coordinate all the programs and resources of the school system in that direction.

Representatives from the whole community — students, parents, staff, board and the general public — will be invited

to join in several activities over the next few months, planned to reveal a consensus on what sorts of skills, attitudes and capabilities we would like our students to take with them if our school system were ideal. Once these key results are established, in terms we can measure, we will evaluate how well we are producing these results right now. Standardized tests reveal that our students have learned exceedingly well compared with national norms; now it is time to compare their progress with the expectations of our own community.

Once we have reached this point, program planning, staff development and budgeting will all be designed to narrow any discrepancy we find between where students are presently functioning, and where the community would like them to be. The community decides where we want to go; how we progress in that direction is the responsibility of the professional staff, drawing upon the full range of techniques their training and experience provides. Curriculum development and in-service teacher training will emphasize improved student results, and budget allocations will be directed toward maintaining strengths and eliminating weaknesses.

Methods to implement this over-all plan are being researched and adapted by Board and staff from a variety of sources, including other school districts, the N.H. State Department of Education, and the Center for Construction Change in Durham. When this process is complete, and all the complex steps worked out over the next several years, the school district and the staff will be able to focus on results — what and how well students are learning — instead of what and how much they are being taught.

Since planning for the schools cannot be isolated from planning for the community as a whole, particularly during a period of rapid growth, the School Board has taken an active part in working with citizen committees, the Selectmen, the Sounding Board and the Planning Board. The Board has sought to improve planning for both town and school services by providing information on the impact of increased growth and promoting a stabilized growth rate.

The second project, now one important step closer to resolution, is the problem of education for Amherst high school students. Last spring, after an intensive series of

neighborhood meetings and hearings, both Amherst and Milford voted overwhelmingly to adopt a new AREA agreement. This new agreement opens the way for consideration of a variety of options prohibited under the old self-perpetuating contract. Although the new agreement will automatically expire in 1986, space limitations at the present high school require that an alternative be chosen long before then.

Working with the Milford School Board and several different study committees, the Board has established three requirements to be included in any future agreement:

- 1) A formula for equitable sharing of both capital and operating costs.
- 2) Provision for a school board with membership from each district, elected in conformance with the constitutional requirements of proportional representation.
- 3) A supervisory union organization which will enable maximum coordination of high school program and administration with the elementary schools of each district.

There are a variety of ways these points might be incorporated into a new contract. Costs and educational implications for each possible alternative, including separate high schools, are being developed to allow voters in each town to evaluate the ultimate recommendation of their school board.

The Population Committee (John Boyle, Joel Hungerford, Lynn Laguardia, Ken Spalding and Connie Woolford) have revised earlier forecasts in light of recent changes in the rate of increase in town population, with resulting shifts in enrollment distributions. Their new projections will be used as a factor in calculations of costs and building needs by the study committees currently working with Milford and Bedford.

The Amherst-Milford Committee, includes Robert R. Burns, Wilna Chandley, Ken Lovell, Robert O'Keefe, John Snow and Barbara Stone as Amherst members. They have contributed an extraordinary amount of time researching information on options that permit meeting our three basic requirements. Their work is being pursued on a weekly basis and their report is expected by late spring.

Recognizing that Amherst voters wish information on the possibility of cooperation with Bedford in order to evaluate any Amherst-Milford proposal, the Board has recently appointed Robert B. Burns, Ray Hubbard and Robert Phillips to work with a Bedford committee examining alternatives to their present arrangement with Manchester. Their recommendations are also due by late spring, so that this alternative will either be eliminated, or fully explored with other options.

The Boards plan a series of small group meetings to discuss this information, giving every voter an opportunity to examine the data, ask questions and make suggestions. The final recommendations of the Boards are scheduled to be voted upon in late spring of 1978. This should provide sufficient lead time to implement the resulting decision before the present high school becomes overcrowded. It is impossible to over-estimate the value of the work these committees are doing in preparing in-depth information on an important and complex issue.

A third special emphasis this past year has been to increase citizen participation in the operation of the school program and use of school facilities. The purpose of this continuing effort is not only to make the resources of the school available to all, but to draw upon the diverse talents and interests of our residents, who are themselves a valuable educational resource.

Public discussion has been invited on major policy proposals, including the AREA agreement, the school district philosophy statement, and the alcohol and drug abuse prevention policy. The complete codified policy manual is now available in each school for reference, and will promote continuity of management as the School Board, administrative staff and teaching staff increase in numbers.

Committees including community representatives are functioning in a number of capacities. In addition to the previously mentioned study committees, advisory groups are working in each school, helping to develop administrative policy and regulations, as well as curriculum.

Involving over one hundred people, the School Volunteer Program contributes thousands of hours of assistance each year, as well as providing a first-hand experience of the

school program in action. The PTA has also been extremely responsive and helpful. From suggesting committee appointments, and printing of the new school calendar, to conducting telephone polls and publishing the monthly Bell Ringer, they provide many lines of communication for exchange of information with parents. Their recent award for increased membership is a clear indication that they are meeting both the needs of the parents and the schools.

Another example of the diversity of contributions is the generous bequest this year of Edward A. Conti, establishing a scholarship fund in his name for Amherst high school students, pursuing post-secondary education. His concern for Amherst during his life is truly perpetuated by this trust fund.

A revised policy concerning non-school use of buildings was adopted, to promote maximum use of our physical plant by providing for advance scheduling and priority for those using the buildings on a regular basis. The Recreation Commission has increased their athletic program, and assumed responsibility for coordinating use of the three school ball-fields. A new and promising area of cooperation is their supervision of the reorganized Adult Education Program. Additional hours for summer library service have proven welcome to both children and adults, and will continue to expand as the Library Trustees are able to provide staff. Over twenty other groups have used the buildings on a regular or intermittent basis during the past year.

Trusting that regular newspaper coverage and a special series on board responsibilities have provided adequate information on the more routine activities of the Board, considerable space has been devoted here to special projects. However, no report would be complete without acknowledging the continuing assistance and cooperation of the Selectmen, Barbara Landry, and the various town officials who aid the schools on an almost daily basis. In particular we note the outstanding efforts of: the Highway Department, who kept roads open for transporting students safely, maintained the grounds in a safe and attractive condition, and still found time to handle an important repaving job at the Wilkins School on top of their busy summer schedule; and the Police and Fire Departments, who not only paid close atten-

tion to protection of our buildings and their occupants, but also actively participated in the educational program in the areas of health and safety.

All our activities, however trivial or momentous they seem from time to time, have but one purpose, to support the learning process of our children. Finally, therefore, we wish to acknowledge with gratitude those who are most directly involved in this learning process, the school staff. It is their competence and dedication, no matter what their role, that determines how effectively we meet our commitment to excellence in education.

ELIZABETH D. PUDDINGTON

RONALD L. POMERLEAU

HERBERT C. STEARNS

Amherst School Board

REPORT OF THE TREASURER
(For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976)

LOUISE AINSWORTH, Treasurer

In account with the School District of Amherst

General Fund

Cash on Hand, July 1, 1975	\$ 96,943 79
Board of Selectmen	
Current Appropriation	2,197,902 02
Revenue from State Sources	152,398 77
Revenue from Federal Sources	55,439 72
Received from Tuition	1,228 36
Trust Funds	1,222 35
Received from All Other Sources	58,756 79
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Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year	\$2,563,891 80
Less School Board Orders Paid	2,476,901 03
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Balance on Hand, June 30, 1976	\$ 86,990 77

Building Account

Cash on Hand, July 1, 1975	\$43,850 10
Received from All Other Sources	2,736 45
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Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year	\$46,586 55
Less School Board Orders Paid	46,586 55
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Balance on Hand, June 30, 1976	\$ 0 00

Adult Education Program

Cash on Hand, July 1, 1975	\$ 290 00
Received from Tuitions	772 50
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Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year	\$1,062 50
Less School Board Orders Paid	890 00
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Balance on Hand, June 30, 1976	\$ 172 50

Emotionally Disturbed Account

Cash on Hand, July 1, 1975	\$973 53
Receipts	0 00
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Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year	\$973 53
Less School Board Orders Paid	0 00
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Balance on Hand, June 30, 1976	\$973 53

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Amherst of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1976, and find them correct in all respects.

ORSON H. BRAGDON
MAURICE R. MARTEL

Auditors

July 19, 1976

NOTIFICATION OF ASSESSMENT 1976-77 School Year

Total Appropriations	\$2,815,908 83
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REVENUES AND CREDITS

Unencumbered Balance	\$ 63,808 53
Sweepstakes	61,044 56
School Building Aid	71,432 81
Foster Children Aid	900 00
State Gas	4,000 00
School Lunch & Special Milk	15,000 00
Trust Fund Income	900 00
Rent	2,500 00

Total Revenues and Credits	\$ 219,585 90
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District Assessment	2,596,322 93
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Total Appropriations	\$2,815,908 83
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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Report of the Superintendent

The year of the Bicentennial should have given the people of this country much to feel encouraged about and more for which to be thankful. Beginning under the Articles of Confederation in 1776, the fledgling nation was hardly unified. Beset by petty state jealousies, lack of a strong federal government, and a people who were divided in their loyalties, one can only wonder how it could have survived at all. And yet, the tenacity and idealism of a few visionaries provided the incentive that overcome the roadblocks that so often have contributed to the downfall of countries less endowed with statesmanship.

From the original thirteen states which clung to the eastern seaboard, the country expanded its boundaries not only to the Pacific, but beyond, in spite of a war which threatened to split it asunder before it could celebrate its one hundredth birthday. As it healed its wounds, the impact of the Industrial Revolution was never more manifest than in the United States during the latter part of the nineteenth century. Flexing its new-found muscle, the young nation grew to a point where it had to be considered as one of the leaders in a world where traditionally influential nations had been led by monarchs. When the countries of Europe drifted into World War I, eyes were cast westward for material and moral support. With the signing of the Armistice in 1918, the United States had gained a position at the top of the pinnacle of international politics, and its citizens stood head and shoulders above their European counterparts, not to mention those in less developed regions.

But what about the dream that Thomas Jefferson and his associates had when the Declaration of Independence was framed, the dream "that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness?" Even though subscribed to by those who signed the Declaration, decades passed before political equality became a reality for all men and women. However, if

political equality was ultimately achieved, there still remained a great deal of inequality amongst people. Not all were equally endowed with intellectual or physical capabilities, artistic talent or emotional stability. The strengths of some were the weaknesses of others, and environmental conditions either enhanced or jeopardized the development of youth. But all were supposed to be able to participate in the pursuit of happiness, which could be accomplished only through education — formal or informal.

The first settlers to arrive on this continent appreciated the value of education; in addition to the establishment of private schools, the development of public schools became mandatory as the result of governmental action. At first dedicated to formal academic instruction, young people were apprenticed at an early age in order to receive vocational training. Benjamin Franklin recognizing that education should consist of more than the acquisition of academic skills, founded an academy in Philadelphia which later became the University of Pennsylvania. In his proposals for this school, Franklin said:

“As to their studies, it would be well if they could be taught everything that is useful and everything that is ornamental. But art is long and their time is short. It is therefore proposed that they learn those things that are to be most useful and most ornamental . . .”

Following the establishment of Franklin's academy, the movement spread rapidly throughout the country. Although the academy had a number of advantages over the old Latin grammar school, the biggest departure was that courses were offered which had value aside from mere preparation for college. The first high school in the United States was established at Boston in 1821. Entering students had to be well acquainted with reading, writing, English grammar and arithmetic, and the curriculum was designed to give a child an education “that shall fit him for active life . . .” Thus was some of the growing segment of America prepared to take a place in society.

Unfortunately, not all children participated in a free public education, at least not for many years of their lives. Lack

of child labor legislation contributed to the employment of vast numbers of children and those who were able to continue through high school were not in the majority. Translated, this meant that educators were not responsible for instructing all of the children of all of the people. Generally speaking, children of less than average academic ability tended to leave school at an early age. Consequently, student bodies were somewhat selective and public schools were not subject to the same criticism that one may hear today.

During the past few years there has been an expressed concern that the "basics" of education have been neglected and that "frills" have come to occupy an increasingly larger amount of a pupil's time. The fundamental disciplines have always been taught in the public schools, although in their quest to promote more efficient learning, educators have explored different methods. Some of these have been found to be less than acceptable and discarded; others have proved to be successful and retained.

Respecting the necessity for individuals to become as well-grounded as possible in fundamental processes, it is important to understand that there are reasons for providing other kinds of opportunities in the length and breadth of educational offerings. The very fact that there is a broad range of individual differences within society requires a constant review of the curriculum in order to meet the needs of students. Only in this way can we fulfill the hopes of our founding fathers who wrote that one of the unalienable rights of man was the pursuit of happiness.

Standing on the threshold of the tricentennial years, the people of this nation are confronted with problems never envisioned by the colonists. Technology and technocracy have created problems as they have solved them. As mankind found ways to utilize natural resources, so did he pollute the air and waters about. As he built factories, so did he bring workers to live in cities now festering with multi-dimensional problems. As he invented the automobile and constructed highways, so did he kill and mangle himself. In spite of this, man has little choice but to continue to strive for the improvement of self and society. The errors of the

past must be corrected and every mind must be encouraged to seek the best that it is possible for life to offer.

To meet this challenge, educators must continue to provide instruction in the basic disciplines, but never can they ignore the fact that in some small way people differ one from the other. Because of this, it is necessary to provide opportunities embodied in the concept of the original academies, for in no other way can this nation give full recognition to the pursuit of happiness as being an unalienable right. And, as young children develop, so will they become contributing members of a society that is destined to carry on the work started two hundred years ago.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Amherst Elementary School

As of January 3, 1977 the enrollment in the Elementary School was as follows:

Readiness	41	Grade III	178
Grade I	194	Grade IV	182
Grade II	181	Total	776

With Staff Development now the avenue through which teachers become recertified, school systems are encouraged to provide in-service training as well as making the staff aware of course offerings. This spring a number of teachers will be taking a Teacher Effectiveness Training Course which will be offered at the Wilkins School.

The Mathematics Committee, which is in its third-year phase, has adopted a pre- and post-test for each unit taught in the mathematics continuum. Some of the Reading Committee members have attended workshops to assist them in developing a continuum of basic reading skills. They have reviewed several skills checklists and will be developing one which is relevant to our needs.

Our staff has changed this year with the addition of three new full-time positions, part-time music and art instructors at Clark School, and replacements for members who left. We welcomed the following people to our staff:

David April	Physical Education
Margaret Bauer	Music — Clark School
Bonnie Campbell	Aide — Grade I
Mary Desfosses	Library
Ann Hoag	Aide — Grade II
Marion Houston	Aide — Clark School
Mary Lefebvre	Aide — Grade IV
Linda Maston	Readiness
Nancy Michaels	Grade II
Mary Moulthrop	Art — Clark School
Priscilla Pixley	Grade I
Mary Ryan	Title I Aide
Nicki Salta	Grade I
Ann Webb	Grade II

When the staff and students returned in September they found booklets which were developed and compiled during the summer explaining procedures and policies of the elementary school. A Parent Volunteer booklet was also compiled to help parents and other school volunteers become more aware of how to become a volunteer and what they can do to help children achieve their potential.

In early September, teachers had an evening meeting with parents to explain the goals and objectives of their classroom. It gave the parents an opportunity to become familiar with materials their children were going to be working with during this school year. Another opportunity for parents to meet with their child's teacher was the very successful open house which was held in October. A third opportunity for parent-teacher communication was presented during the parent-teacher conference. It is hoped that this series of meetings enable the parents to obtain a better understanding of what the school system is trying to achieve.

The Christmas season brought to the elementary students and parents another musical program performed by our fourth grade students. This year's presentation, entitled "Christmas in the Circus", was organized and directed by Mrs. Marguerite Brockway and Mrs. Lucille Hart. The M.A.S.H. Senior High School Band and Chorus entertained the third and fourth grade students with a portion of their Christmas Concert.

During the spring we will be having another musical entitled "The Wizard of Oz" performed by the Creative Arts Performers of Amherst under the direction of Betty Stewart. A fourth assembly for the students is scheduled prior to the Memorial Day break.

After seven year of service to the school, Mrs. Lucille Hart will be resigning in June. I would like to publicly thank her for all the help she has given to the students and teachers through her job and in the direction of the Wilkinettes.

The students, staff and I would like to express our appreciation to the parent volunteers, room mothers, and the P.T.A. who have continued to give our school support.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Amherst Middle School

The 1976-77 school year began with the Middle School operating a complete program in academic and special subjects areas.

New additions to the faculty for the 1976-77 year were:

Mr. Roger Cormier	Industrial Arts
Mrs. Patricia LaBarre	Home Economics
Mr. Ronald Reid	Art
Mrs. Linda Burrall	Grade 6

Returning after a sabbatical leave to obtain her Masters Degree, was Mrs. Marcia Perry, in Music.

Early in the school year, the Stanford Achievement Tests were administered to students in grades six and eight. The results were most satisfactory as 95% of the students in these two grades were average or above. This figure, compared to the 1975-76 test results, shows an eighteen percent improvement based on the national test norms.

The growth of Amherst, and a consequent increase in new students, prompted the Guidance Counselor to conduct a survey to determine just how many students started grade one in Amherst. The results of that survey are as follows: In grade five, 56% (95 students) started school in Amherst; in grade six, 41% (79 students); in grade seven, 39% (71 students); and in grade eight, 34% (61 students). Some other statistics that proved interesting: of the 714 Middle School students, 120 pupils started school in Massachusetts; 89 in other New Hampshire schools; 46 in New York, 29 in New Jersey; 29 in Connecticut; 16 in Illinois; 13 in California; 12 in Maine; 12 in Pennsylvania; 10 in Rhode Island and 10 in Virginia. As a total, the Middle School student body consists of students from 28 states and 3 foreign countries.

During the fall months, the Middle School administration and the PTA organized coffee hours for parents during the school day. Parents were given the opportunity to meet with the Principal and the academic teachers for at least one hour before touring the school to see it in operation. The response from both the teachers and parents was most favorable.

The curriculum for the school was completed for all students. The addition of the four special subject teachers enabled us to provide a full program for all the students in grades five through eight in art, music, industrial arts and home economics.

The basic academic program was again enriched by the interdisciplinary units. The response to these programs continues to be a high point in each school year. The Olympics in grade eight and the Outdoor Classroom for grade seven were the new units for the 1976-77 school year. Both of these units will be held in the spring of 1977.

I wish to thank the members and Co-Presidents, Mr. and Mrs. Carper, of the Amherst Parent Teacher Association. They are important contributors to the total school that enables it to be so successful.

The dedication and commitment of the Middle School staff to the children deserves continual praise. The support of the Amherst School District to provide the policy and tax monies necessary for each student sets Amherst as a leader in New Hampshire education.

This past year again proves that together we are successful for the educational program of the Middle School students.

ROLAND L. SCHOEPP, Superintendent of Schools

HERBERT F. OLIVER, Principal, Elementary Schools

PAUL D. COLLINS, Principal, Middle School

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE AMHERST SCHOOL BOARD

For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$2,610,478 35
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,523,487 58

General Fund Balance	\$ 86,990 77

RECEIPTS IN DETAIL

Current Appropriations	\$2,197,902 02
Tuition from Patrons	1,228 36

Revenue from Local Sources

Earnings from Permanent Funds & Endowments	\$ 1,222 35
Earnings from Temporary Deposits & Investments	2,526 95
Rent	2,267 50
Other Revenue from Local Sources	13,699 79

	19,716 59

Revenue from State Sources

Foundation Aid	\$25,514 85
School Building Aid	71,432 81
Sweepstakes	44,086 64
Foster Children Aid	400 00

	141,434 30

Revenue from Federal Sources

NDEA	\$ 775 00
School Lunch & Special Milk	35,597 65
Public Law 874	14,805 00
Title III	12,448 54
Title VI	545 52
Other Revenue from Federal Sources	253 10

	64,424 81

Bonds and Notes

Premiums & Interest	40,499 33
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Sale of School Property and Insurance Adjustment	
Net Insurance Recovery	4,479 05
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	\$2,469,684 46
Cash on Hand at Beginning of Year, July 1, 1975	
General Fund	96,943 79
Capital Outlay Fund	43,850 10
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Grand Total Net Receipts	\$2,610,478 35

PAYMENTS IN DETAIL

July 1, 1975 - June 30, 1976

100 Series Administration	
110 Salaries of Officers	\$2,089 10
135 Contracted Services	300 00
190 Other Expenses	3,174 20
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	\$ 5,563 30
200 Series Instruction	
210 Salaries	\$914,772 07
215 Textbooks	9,280 38
220 School Libraries & A.V.	14,792 25
230 Teaching Supplies	47,702 10
235 Contracted Services	4,230 18
290 Other Expenses	4,590 64
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	995,367 62
300 Series Attendance Services	
	50 00
400 Series Health Services	
410 Salaries	\$12,100 00
490 Other	774 28
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	12,874 28
500 Series Pupil Transportation	
535 Contracted Services	\$116,284 00
590 Other Expenses	4,225 00
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	120,509 00

600 Series Operation of Plant

610	Salaries	\$59,721	91	
630	Supplies, except Utilities	11,079	56	
635	Contracted Services	1,787	40	
640	Heat for Buildings	52,150	96	
645	Utilities, except Heat	35,799	08	
				160,538 91

700 Series Maintenance of Plant

725	Replacement of Equipment	\$4,478	77	
726	Repairs to Equipment	584	37	
735	Contracted Services	9,169	64	
766	Repairs to Buildings	7,842	58	
				22,075 36

800 Series Fixed Charges

850.1	Employees' Retire. System	\$ 1,206	00	
850.2	Teachers' Retire. System	15,720	35	
850.3	F.I.C.A.	56,026	30	
855	Insurance	10,894	00	
				83,846 65

900 Series School Lunch & Spec. Milk 21,010 67

1000 Series Student Body Activities 2,338 50

1100 Series Community Activities 4,170 30

1200 Series Capital Outlay

1267 Equipment 54,758 86

1300 Series Debt Service

1370	Principal of Debt	\$235,000	00	
1371	Interest on Debt	156,010	00	
1390	Other Debt Service	11	05	
				391,021 05

1400 Series Outgoing Transfer Account

1477.1	Tuition	\$580,265	14	
1477.3	Supervisory Union Share	45,756	57	
1479.1	Tuition to Private			
	Nonsectarian Schools	14,126	61	
1479.2	Transportation	9,214	76	
				649,363 08

Grand Total Net Expenditures \$2,523,487 58

BALANCE SHEET — JUNE 30, 1976

ASSETS

Cash on Hand, June 30, 1976	
General Fund	\$86,990 77
Emotionally Disturbed Fund	973 53
Adult Education	172 50
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Total Assets	\$88,136 80
Net Debt (Excess of Liabilities over Assets)	0 00
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Grand Total	\$88,136 80

LIABILITIES

Amounts Reserved for Special Purposes	
Building Fund	\$ 0 00
Emotionally Disturbed Fund	373 53
Adult Education	562 50
Accounts Owed by District	
Accounts Payable	23,182 24
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Total Liabilities	\$24,718 27
Surplus (Excess of Assets over Liabilities)	63,418 53
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Grand Total	\$88,136 80

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 71 of the Revised Statutes Annotated, and upon forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue Administration.

ELIZABETH D. PUDDINGTON

RONALD L. POMERLEAU

HERBERT C. STEARNS

School Board

ROLAND L. SCHOEPF, Superintendent

August 2, 1976

**AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BONDS**

Bonds issued in \$5,000 denominations except \$2,000 due
 September 15, 1966 issued in \$1,000 denominations.
 Coupons payable March 15 and September 15.
 Principal Maturing: 1966-1980.
 Rate: 3.30%.

Coupon Amount	\$16.50-\$1,000	\$82.50-\$5,000	
Date	Interest	Principal	Maturing
3-15-66	\$9,025.50	\$547,000	---
9-15-66	9,025.50	547,000	\$42,000
3-15-67	8,332.50	505,000	---
9-15-67	8,332.50	505,000	40,000
3-15-68	7,672.50	465,000	---
9-15-68	7,672.50	465,000	40,000
3-15-69	7,012.50	425,000	---
9-15-69	7,012.50	425,000	40,000
3-15-70	6,352.50	385,000	---
9-15-70	6,352.50	385,000	35,000
3-15-71	5,775.00	350,000	---
9-15-71	5,775.00	350,000	35,000
3-15-72	5,197.50	315,000	---
9-15-72	5,197.50	315,000	35,000
3-15-73	4,620.00	280,000	---
9-15-73	4,620.00	280,000	35,000
3-15-74	4,042.50	245,000	---
9-15-74	4,042.50	245,000	35,000
3-15-75	3,465.00	210,000	---
9-15-75	3,465.00	210,000	35,000
3-15-76	2,887.50	175,000	---
9-15-76	2,887.50	175,000	35,000
3-15-77	2,310.00	140,000	---
9-15-77	2,310.00	140,000	35,000
3-15-78	1,732.50	105,000	---
9-15-78	1,732.50	105,000	35,000
3-15-79	1,155.00	70,000	---
9-15-79	1,155.00	70,000	35,000
3-15-80	577.50	35,000	---
9-15-80	577.50	35,000	35,000

**AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BONDS**

Bonds issued on August 1, 1968 in \$5,000 denominations.

Coupons payable February 1 and August 1.

Principal Maturing: 1969-1983.

Rate: 4.20%.

Coupon Amount: \$105.00-\$5,000.00

Date	Interest	Principal	Maturing
2-1-69	\$3,570.00	\$170,000	—
8-1-69	3,570.00	170,000	\$15,000
2-1-70	3,255.00	155,000	—
8-1-70	3,255.00	155,000	15,000
2-1-71	2,940.00	140,000	—
8-1-71	2,940.00	140,000	15,000
2-1-72	2,625.00	125,000	—
8-1-72	2,625.00	125,000	15,000
2-1-73	2,310.00	110,000	—
8-1-73	2,310.00	110,000	10,000
2-1-74	2,100.00	100,000	—
8-1-74	2,100.00	100,000	10,000
2-1-75	1,890.00	90,000	—
8-1-75	1,890.00	90,000	10,000
2-1-76	1,680.00	80,000	—
8-1-76	1,680.00	80,000	10,000
2-1-77	1,470.00	70,000	—
8-1-77	1,470.00	70,000	10,000
2-1-78	1,260.00	60,000	—
8-1-78	1,260.00	60,000	10,000
2-1-79	1,050.00	50,000	—
8-1-79	1,050.00	50,000	10,000
2-1-80	840.00	40,000	—
8-1-80	840.00	40,000	10,000
2-1-81	630.00	30,000	—
8-1-81	630.00	30,000	10,000
2-1-82	420.00	20,000	—
8-1-82	420.00	20,000	10,000
2-1-83	210.00	10,000	—
8-1-83	210.00	10,000	10,000

AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BONDS

Bonds issued in \$5,000 denominations.

Coupons payable March 15 and September 15.

Principal Maturing: 1970-1984.

Rate: 6.5%.

Date	Interest	Principal	Maturing
3-15-70	\$12,350.00	\$380,000	—
9-15-70	12,350.00	380,000	\$30,000
3-15-71	11,375.00	350,000	—
9-15-71	11,375.00	350,000	25,000
3-15-72	10,562.50	325,000	—
9-15-72	10,562.50	325,000	25,000
3-15-73	9,750.00	300,000	—
9-15-73	9,750.00	300,000	25,000
3-15-74	8,937.50	275,000	—
9-15-74	8,937.50	275,000	25,000
3-15-75	8,125.00	250,000	—
9-15-75	8,125.00	250,000	25,000
3-15-76	7,312.50	225,000	—
9-15-76	7,312.50	225,000	25,000
3-15-77	6,500.00	200,000	—
9-15-77	6,500.00	200,000	25,000
3-15-78	5,687.50	175,000	—
9-15-78	5,687.50	175,000	25,000
3-15-79	4,875.00	150,000	—
9-15-79	4,875.00	150,000	25,000
3-15-80	4,062.50	125,000	—
9-15-80	4,062.50	125,000	25,000
3-15-81	3,250.00	100,000	—
9-15-81	3,250.00	100,000	25,000
3-15-82	2,437.50	75,000	—
9-15-82	2,437.50	75,000	25,000
3-15-83	1,625.00	50,000	—
9-15-83	1,625.00	50,000	25,000
3-15-84	812.50	25,000	—
9-15-84	812.50	25,000	25,000

AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BONDS

Bonds issued in \$5,000 denominations
Coupons payable February 1 and August 1
Principal Maturing 1974-93
Rate 4.80%

Date	Interest	Principal	Maturing
8-1-73	\$48,000	\$2,000,000	
2-1-74	48,000	2,000,000	\$100,000
8-1-74	45,600	1,900,000	
2-1-75	45,600	1,900,000	100,000
8-1-75	43,200	1,800,000	
2-1-76	43,200	1,800,000	100,000
8-1-76	40,800	1,700,000	
2-1-77	40,800	1,700,000	100,000
8-1-77	38,400	1,600,000	
2-1-78	38,400	1,600,000	100,000
8-1-78	36,000	1,500,000	
2-1-79	36,000	1,500,000	100,000
8-1-79	33,600	1,400,000	
2-1-80	33,600	1,400,000	100,000
8-1-80	31,200	1,300,000	
2-1-81	31,200	1,300,000	100,000
8-1-81	28,800	1,200,000	
2-1-82	28,800	1,200,000	100,000
8-1-82	26,400	1,100,000	
2-1-83	26,400	1,100,000	100,000
8-1-83	24,000	1,000,000	
2-1-84	24,000	1,000,000	100,000
8-1-84	21,600	900,000	
2-1-85	21,600	900,000	100,000
8-1-85	19,200	800,000	
2-1-86	19,200	800,000	100,000
8-1-86	16,800	700,000	
2-1-87	16,800	700,000	100,000
8-1-87	14,400	600,000	
2-1-88	14,400	600,000	100,000
8-1-88	12,000	500,000	
2-1-89	12,000	500,000	100,000
8-1-89	9,600	400,000	
2-1-90	9,600	400,000	100,000
8-1-90	7,200	300,000	
2-1-91	7,200	300,000	100,000
8-1-91	4,800	200,000	
2-1-92	4,800	200,000	100,000
8-1-92	2,400	100,000	
2-1-93	2,400	100,000	100,000

AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BONDS

Bonds issued on March 15, 1974 in \$5,000 denominations.

Coupons payable September 15 and March 15.

Principal Maturing: 1974-1989.

Rate: 5.00 %.

Date	Interest	Principal	Maturing
9-15-74	\$23,750	\$950,000	---
3-15-75	23,750	950,000	\$65,000
9-15-75	22,125	885,000	---
3-15-76	22,125	885,000	65,000
9-15-76	20,500	820,000	---
3-15-77	20,500	820,000	65,000
9-15-77	18,875	755,000	---
3-15-78	18,875	755,000	65,000
9-15-78	17,250	690,000	---
3-15-79	17,250	690,000	65,000
9-15-79	15,625	625,000	---
3-15-80	15,625	625,000	65,000
9-15-80	14,000	560,000	---
3-15-81	14,000	560,000	65,000
9-15-81	12,375	495,000	---
3-15-82	12,375	495,000	65,000
9-15-82	10,750	430,000	---
3-15-83	10,750	430,000	65,000
9-15-83	9,125	365,000	---
3-15-84	9,125	365,000	65,000
9-15-84	7,500	300,000	---
3-15-85	7,500	300,000	60,000
9-15-85	6,000	240,000	---
3-15-86	6,000	240,000	60,000
9-15-86	4,500	180,000	---
3-15-87	4,500	180,000	60,000
9-15-87	3,000	120,000	---
3-15-88	3,000	120,000	60,000
9-15-88	1,500	60,000	---
3-15-89	1,500	60,000	60,000

SUPERVISORY UNION 41

Administrative Salaries — 1975-76

A. Superintendent

State Share		\$ 2,500 00
Local Share		
Amherst	\$11,668 38	
Brookline	2,113 10	
Hollis	8,818 52	
	-----	22,600 00

		\$25,100 00

B. Business Administrator

State Share		\$ 2,350 00
Local Share		
Amherst	\$6,081 36	
Brookline	1,101 31	
Hollis	4,596 07	
	-----	11,778 74

		*\$14,128 74

*July 1, 1975 - October 10, 1975	\$4,829 22
November 24, 1975 - June 30, 1976	9,299 52

	\$14,128 74

TITLE I FUNDS — 1975-1976

Supervisory Unions No. 40 and 41

Allocation:

Amherst	\$17,393 00
Brookline	5,885 00
Hollis	17,801 00
Milford	30,887 00
Mont Vernon	884 00

Total	<hr/> \$72,850 00
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Expended 1975-1976	\$66,364 27
Committed	1,320 81
	<hr/> 67,685 08

Balance	<hr/> \$ 5,164 92
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INSURANCE COVERAGE

Institutional Policy

Section I

Real and Personal Property	\$4,608,788
Wilkins School	
Clark School	(\$500 deductible)
Middle School	
Boiler and Machinery	\$100,000/accident
Person Injury	\$1,000,000 aggregate
Teachers Liability	All Teachers

Section II

Liability	\$1,000,000 bodily injury
	\$25,000 property damage

Auto Liability and Physical Damage

Van & Employers Non-ownership

Liability	\$100,000/\$300,000 bodily injury
	\$50,000 property damage
	\$5,000 medical payment
	ACV Comprehensive
	\$100 deductible collision

Board of Education Liability \$1,000,000 (\$2,500 deductible)

Position Bond

Treasurer	\$25,000
School Lunch Director	\$10,000

Workmen's Compensation \$100,000 statutory

Nurses' Professional Liability \$100,000/\$300,000

MILFORD AREA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

1976 Amherst Graduates

Abbate, Elizabeth	Greaney, Kathryn
Allen, Scott	Grier, Mary
Anderson, Robert	Grossheim, Carla
Antonelli, Stephen	Guy, Diana
Baker, Kelly	Hall, Janet
*Biddle, Susan	Haughey, Diana
Bolnick, Jerry	*Helfrich, Holly
Bourdon, Ellison	Hineman, Mona
Brewer, Kenneth	Hollon, Barbara
Brewster, Mark	Holt, Richard
Burns, Scott	Huebner, David
Cadorete, Stephen	*Hunsaker, Lee
Califono, Michelle	Jarvinen, Michael
Calvetti, David	Johnson, Bruce
Caulfield, Faith	Kamieniecki, Steven
Chenard, Ann	Kaufold, Kurt
Coldwell, Darleen	*Keefe, Alice
Collins, Paul	Klumpp, Kevin
Comins, Susan Jane	LaFlamme, Stephen
Copertino, Lenora	*Lancaster, Teresa
Cowell, Betsy	Leach, Michael
Crocker, Stephen	*Litchfield, Denise
*Cummings, Mary	Ludvigsen, Alfred
Daly, William	Lynch, Daniel
Davis, Mark	Lyon, Peter
Doherty, Brian	Maas, Karl
Dove, Alan	*Manoogian, Wendy
Duval, Janice	Martel, Theresa
Ela, Richard	*Martini, Margaret
Ela, Robert	*Martini, William
Fedas, Jack	McFarland, Daniel
Fraser, Cathy	McLeod, Bonnie
Gagnon, Stephen	Menold, Michael
Glorioso, Carl	Miolla, Raymond
Glorioso, John	Mitkus, Debra
*Gochee, Patricia	Nataloni, Pamela
Gray, Margo	Ouellette, William

Palm, Kristi
Pederzani, Gene
Pelletier, Mark
Perkins, David
Picard, Michele
Pierce, Nancy
Polson, William
Porter, Robin
Potter, Meredith
Powers, Terri
Pullar, Timothy
Richman, Robin
*Ritchie, Denis
Rosedoff, Sheryl
Ryan, Timothy
Schmitz, Kathy
Sessler, Linda
Shallman, John

*Simpson, Charles
Sortevik, Laurie
Spalding, Scott
Spears, Darcy
*Stone, David
Sugar, Mark
Sutton, Melissa
Swanson, Karen
*Tefft, Margaret
Thompson, Teresa
True, Brett
Violette, Michael
Walker, Jay
Weatherbee, Carol
Webb, Kathryn
*Weimont, Heidi
Young, Raymond
Young, William

*Members of the National Honor Society

GENERAL STATISTICS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1975-76

Unrepeated State Registration 1437

Boys 747 Girls 690

Enrollment by Grades:

I	203	V	176
II	169	VI	165
III	183	VII	181
IV	162	VIII	198

Average Membership in Grades 1-8 1377.2

Percent of Attendance in Grades 1-8 94%

Number of Sessions in All Schools

Elementary	360
Middle	356

Teaching Positions:

Full-time	70
Part-time	6

Amherst Tuition Pupils Attending Milford AREA Schools 1975-76:

IX	173	XI	142
X	152	XII	130

Trainable Class 2

Special Education Class 2

AMHERST SCHOOL CENSUS REPORT – 1976-77

Less than	Ages as of 9-1-76									
	Total	Boys	Girls	Public School Within District	Public School Outside District	Parochial School Outside District	Private School Within District	Private School Outside District	Reached 14 or 16, completed Elem. but not High School	Completed High School
1	67	30	37							
1	57	33	24							
2	90	49	41							
3	131	69	62				27	3		
4	115	59	56				56	3		
5	146	86	60				81	14		
6	180	88	92	177				3		
7	174	92	82	171				3		
8	174	86	88	171				3		
9	196	107	89	193				3		
10	158	83	75	157				1		
11	186	98	88	184	1			1		
12	185	107	78	181	1			3		
13	188	103	85	142	34	5		7		
14	191	83	108	11	148	20		12		
15	178	90	88	5	151	12		9	1	
16	155	84	71		137	3		14		1
17	154	79	75		101	8		31	5	9
18	128	74	54		9	1		81	4	33
Total	2853	1500	1353	1392	582	49	164	191	10	43

TEACHER ROSTER

Amherst Elementary Schools

<i>Name</i>	<i>Exp.</i>	<i>Assignment</i>	<i>College</i>	<i>Degree</i>
Oliver, Herbert	11	Principal	Univ. of New Hampshire	M.Ed.
April, David	0	Physical Ed.	Plymouth State College	B.S.
Austin, Joel	4	Guidance	Antioch College	M.Ed.
Barlick, Michael	4	Grade 4	Keene State College	B.E.
Barry, Patricia	3	Grade 2	Westfield State College	B.S.
Bauer, Margaret	0	Music p.t.	Boston University	M.A.
Bean, Sandra	13	Grade 2	Keene State College	B.E.
Brockway, Marguerite	8	Music	American University	M.A.
Brown, Pamala	6	Grade 3	Keene State College	B.E.
Chicoine, Carolyn	10	Grade 4	University of Vermont	B.S.
Collins, Patricia	9	Grade 2	State College at Boston	B.S.Ed.
DeCamp, Carolyn	2	Readiness	Fitchburg State College	B.S.
Delisle, Laurette	7	Grade 3	Rivier College	B.A.
Desfosses, Mary	1	Librarian	Simmons College	M.S.
Dwyer, Richard	0	Reading Cons.	Suffolk University	M.Ed.
Dyer, Sarah	10	Grade 2	Univ. of New Hampshire	M.Ed.
Hamilton, Joy	5	Grade 3	Univ. of New Hampshire	M.Ed.
Head, Nancy	10	L.D.	Keene State College	M.Ed.
Lambarth, Addie Ann	6	Grade 4	Plattsburgh State College	M.S.
Lantaff, Denise	13	Grade 1	Notre Dame College	B.A.
Lathrop, Cynthia	13	Grade 4	Skidmore College	B.S.
Lewandowski, Donna	8	Grade 1	Univ. of New Hampshire	B.S.
Lovell, Eleanor	3	Readiness	Simmons College	B.S.
Marx, Karen	5	Grade 1	Univ. of Minnesota	B.S.
Maston, Linda	3	Readiness	Lesley College	B.S.
McCormack, Margaret	12	Grade 4	Keene State College	B.E.
McEnnis, Shirley	8	Grade 1	Univ. of New Hampshire	M.Ed.
McGovern, Lee	2	Grade 3	Salem State College	B.S.
Moulthrop, Mary	1	Art p.t.	Univ. of New Hampshire	B.S.
Nason, Julie	4	Grade 4	Univ. of Connecticut	M.A.
Parrish, Cassandra	6	Grade 1	Univ. of New Hampshire	M.Ed.
Piotrowski, Suzanne	5	Grade 1	Rivier College	B.A.
Pixley, Priscilla	1	Grade 1	Keene State College	B.S.
Quigley, David	1	Grade 3	Keene State College	B.E.
Robinson, Paulina	4	Grade 4	Plymouth State College	B.S.
Salta, Nichola	1	Grade 1	Univ. of New Hampshire	B.A.
Scagnelli, Janet	4	Grade 3	Rivier College	B.A.
Shervanian, Ann	17	Speech Therapist	Boston University	B.S.
Silverman, Audrey	11	Grade 2	Univ. of New Hampshire	M.Ed.
Sullivan, Leslie	3	Grade 3	Salem State College	B.S.Ed.
Tendler, Roberta	7	Grade 2	Wheelock College	B.S.
Trudo, Christina	10	Readiness	Univ. of New Hampshire	M.Ed.
Tyrrell, JoAn	9	Art	Texas Western University	B.A.
Webb, Ann	2	Grade 2	Trenton State College	B.S.
Campbell, Bonnie	Aide -	Grade 1	McGeoch, Rosalie	Nurse
Hoag, Anu	Aide -	Grade 2	Hart, Lucille	Secretary
Houston, Marion	Aide -	Grade ½	Trudo, Scott	Head Custodian
Lefebvre, Mary	Aide -	Grade 4	Palumbo, Nelson	Custodian
Martin, Katherine	Aid -	Grade ½	Palmitter, John	Custodian
Sickler, Evelyn	Aide -	Grade 3	Shorrock, Susan	Custodian
Bowler, Marcia	School	Lunch	Maas, Dorothy	School Lunch
Goodman, Georgia	School	Lunch	Pal, Carolina	School Lunch
Gorton, Estelle	School	Lunch	Pezzullo, Alice	School Lunch

TEACHER ROSTER

Amherst Middle School

<i>Name</i>	<i>Exp.</i>	<i>Assignment</i>	<i>College</i>	<i>Degree</i>
Collins, Paul	18	Principal	State College at Boston	M.E.
Alden, Kathleen	2	Physical Ed.	Univ. of Maine	B.S.Ed.
Bacon, Jeryl	1	Grade 6	Keene State College	B.S.
Barry, Marilyn	4	Art	Syracuse University	B.F.A.
Burrall, Leigh	2	Social Studies	Fitchburg State College	B.S.
Burrall, Linda	0	S.S./Lang. Arts	Fitchburg State College	B.S.
Capistran, Stephen	6	Science	Univ. of New Hampshire	B.A.
Caron, Lucie	2	French/Spanish	Rivier College	B.A.
Cormier, Roger	1	Industrial Arts	Fitchburg State College	B.S.
Cortellino, Joanne	7	Grade 5	Rivier College	B.A.
Crothers, Carol	3	Grade 6	Ohio Wesleyan University	B.A.
DeCamp, Gene	2	Social Studies	Fitchburg State College	B.S.
Ernst, Robert	2	Science	Boston State College	B.S.
Flahive, Bronwen	5	English	Antioch College	M.Ed.
Floryan, Ray	5	Grade 5	Plymouth State College	M.E.
Gasser, Toni Beth	2	Grade 5	Univ. of Hartford	B.S.
Harrington, John	3	Instr. Music	Lowell State College	B.Mus.Ed.
Hendershot, Darlene	7	English	Univ. of New Hampshire	B.A.
Jonson, Arthur	1	Math	Bates College	B.A.
Keaney, Cynthia	6	English	Salem State College	B.S.
Kelley, Timothy	1	Math	Holy Cross College	B.A.
Kenne, Joyce	12	Librarian	Eastern Michigan Univ.	B.S.
LaBarre, Patricia	1	Home Economics	Univ. of New Hampshire	B.S.
Langille, Kyle	2	Home Economics	Univ. of New Hampshire	B.S.
Lister, David	7	Physical Ed	Northeastern University	B.S.
Manley, Jonathan	4	Science	Keene State College	B.E.
Martin, Mary Alyce	16	Grade 6	Boston College	M.Ed.
McCullough, Bruce	7	Science	Univ. of New Hampshire	M.A.T.
Miley, Pamela	15	Grade 6	Univ. of Michigan	M.A.Ed.
Nadeau, Donna	1	French/Spanish	Univ. of New Hampshire	B.A.
Nielsen, Elden	14	Music	Mankato State College	M.S.
Olsen, Robert	2	Industrial Arts	Central Ct. State Col.	B.S.
Panagoulis, Janet	6	Grade 5	St. Joseph's College	B.A.
Pena, Michael	10	Grade 6	Lyndon State College	B.S.Ed.
Perry, Marcia	22	Music	Rivier College	M.E.
Pichette, Noella	13	French p.t.	Univ. of New Hampshire	B.A.
Reid, Ronald	4	Art	SUNY at Buffalo	B.S.
Roberts, Patricia	8	Grade 5	Ohio State University	B.S.
Scollin, George	7	Guidance	Salem State College	Ed.M.
Shaw, Elizabeth	23	English	Tufts University	B.A.
Sirois, Diane	8	Grade 5	Rivier College	B.A.
Stoelting, Dayle Ann	7	Reading	Univ. of Chicago	M.S.T.
Sullivan, Christine	2	L.D.	Boston College	A.B.
Treadwell, Jean	6	Math	Wellesley College	B.A.
Tumas, Paul	2	Social Studies	Univ. of Maine	M.A.
Walter, John	7	Grade 6	Keene State College	B.E.
Beauvais, Linda	Aide - Grade 8		Caulfield, Hope	Nurse
Leblanc, Donna	Aide - Grade 7		Duval, Patricia	Secretary
Marshall, June	Aide - Library		Hamel, Arthur	B & G Supervisor
Trevathan, Paula	Aide - Grade 6		Copeland, Kenneth	Custodian
White, Margaret	Aide - Grade 5		Smith, Richard	Custodian
Copeland, Shirley	School Lunch Dir.		True, Brett	Custodian
Carr, Josephine	School Lunch		Marion, Joan	School Lunch
Ledger, Dorothy	School Lunch		Oldakowski, Florence	School Lunch
			Waterman, Mildred	School Lunch

REPORT OF HEALTH SUPERVISION

1975-1976

Jan J. Tigchelaar, M.D., School Physician
 Hope M. Caulfield, R.N., School Nurse
 Rosalie McGeoch, R.N., School Nurse

Report of School Nurses

Vision Tests	1120
Hearing Tests	850
Inspections	1175
Heights	1329
Weights	1302
First Aid	5700
Medications	4000

Communicable Diseases

Chicken Pox	86
Pediculosis	5
Impetigo	16
Ring Worm	2
Conjunctivitis	12
Strep Throat	75

Defects Found by School Nurses

	Defects	Treatment
Vision	38	34
Hearing	25	18
Teeth	8	8
Tonsils	5	3

Clinics and Special Referrals

Dental	8
Pre-School Clinic	225
No. of Home Visits — Contacts by School Nurses	1642
Tests:	
Tine Tests (Staff)	136
Mantoux Test	4
Chest X-Ray	4

SYNOPSIS OF AMHERST SCHOOL MEETING

March 12, 1976

Moderator Creeley Buchanan opened the polls for voting on Article 6 at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 12, 1976 at the Wilkins School. Voting was by checklist and ballot, with supervisors Audrey Spalding, Robert Wishart and Rosemary Biddle in charge, and tellers Rosamond Buchanan, Marie Grella and Evelyn Dudley with Paul Dudley in charge of the ballot box.

The meeting was called to order at 8:12 p.m. by Mr. Buchanan. School Board members Herbert Stearns, Elizabeth Puddington and Ronald Pomerleau, Supt. of Union No. 41 Roland Schoepf, Business Administrator Richard Connolly, principals Paul Collins and Herbert Oliver were available to answer questions. Rev. John Ward offered the invocation and Mrs. Dorothy Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Buchanan read the warrant and then dispensed with the reading of the articles until each was considered.

Article 1. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officer or agent of the district. Mr. Stearns moved this article be passed over and acted upon under Article 9. Seconded and passed.

Article 2. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto. Mr. Pomerleau moved that we accept all reports as printed in the School Report. Seconded. Mr. Pomerleau then gave a history of the AREA agreement with Milford from August 26, 1964 to the present time, with the building of a Junior High School in 1969 and the withdrawal of Amherst 7th and 8th grade students in 1974 and 1975. A public hearing of the proposed amendment to the agreement will be held at 8:00 p.m. at the Wilkins School on March 16, 1976 and one in Milford at 8:00 p.m. on March 22nd. In June there will be special district meetings to act on this. This report was accepted. (Attached to file copy.) The School Report as printed was accepted.

Article 3. To choose agents, auditors and committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant. Mr. Stearns moved that the town auditors serve as school auditors. Seconded and passed.

Article 4. To see if the district will authorize the School Board to make application for and receive in the name of the district such advances, grants and aids or other funds for educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the United States Government or any other state or private agency. Mrs. Puddington moved adoption of Article 4. Seconded and passed.

Article 5. (By petition) To see if the school district as per R.S.A. 197-15 will vote to increase the membership of the School Board from three (3) to five (5) members, effective in 1977, at which time one (1) shall be elected for a term of one (1) year and one (1) for a term of three (3) years and thereafter upon expiration of their term of office, all members shall be elected for three years.

Mr. Stearns moved adoption of the article amended to read

"effective in 1977 at which time one (1) additional member shall be elected for a term of one (1) year and one (1) additional member for a term of three (3) years." Mrs. Puddington clarified the motion to read "at which time one (1) new member shall be elected for a term of one (1) year, one (1) member for three (3) years and one (1) new additional member for three (3) years." Seconded. The motion to amend the original motion was approved. Mr. Pomerleau explained the Board's position against a 5-man board and suggested it be turned over to the Town Government Study Committee for one year. Mr. Stearns moved the matter be referred to the Town Government Study Committee for its recommendation to be acted on at the next annual school district meeting. Seconded. Mr. Huebner of the Ways and Means Committee noted that it had been in favor of a 5-man board but after reviewing it further recommends referral to the study committee. John Stevens spoke in favor of a 5-man board, citing members of 5-man boards in other communities who favored it, noting increased stability and continuity and broader voter representation.

Mr. G. W. Brown moved amending the motion to refer the matter to a school district study committee with members appointed by the school moderator. Seconded. Mr. A. Wight noted that the Town Study Committee is experienced in this type of study. The motion was lost. A voice vote on Mr. Stearns' motion was in doubt and a division called for. G. W. Brown, Paul Collins, Al Huebner and Mrs. Puddington acted as tellers. The vote was "yes" 63, "no" 102, the motion was lost. Mr. Huebner stated that now the Ways and Means Committee was in favor of Article 5 as clarified by Mrs. Puddington. The vote on the article was in the affirmative. Motion passed.

Article 6. To see if the district will vote to adopt R.S.A. 60-31-39 Absentee Voting at Municipal Annual Meetings. Mr. Buchanan declared the polls closed for voting on Article 6 at 8:59 p.m. and asked the tellers to count the vote.

Article 7. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,455 to provide for drainage and resurfacing of the sidewalk, and rebuilding a portion of the driveway on the north side of the Wilkins School. Mr. Pomerleau moved adoption of the article. Seconded and passed.

Article 8. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to provide for an audit of the Middle School Building Fund and a systems audit of the general account for the 1973-74 and 1974-75 school fiscal years. Mrs. Puddington moved adoption of Article 8. Seconded. Mrs. Puddington explained that this is to supply a history for analysis and a system of accounting for a possible future data processing method. Michael Kaminsky asked why this type of audit was not done each year. It was explained that the books are audited each year by the town auditors who have rationalized all records, and that district school officials are required to comply with state accounting procedures per state statutes. Mr. G. Brown moved the question. Carried. Article 8 was passed.

Article 9. To see what sum of money the district will vote to

raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for school district officials and agents, and for payment of the statutory obligations of the district. Mrs. Puddington moved that \$2,795,953.83 be raised. Seconded. An overview of the budget was presented by Mrs. Puddington and Mr. Connolly with figures projected on a screen corresponding to those in a hand-out given voters on entering. (Attached to file copy.) Enrollment figures showed an estimated total increase of 6.6% with the greatest increase in the high school of approximately 100 Amherst students. A colored overlay of a "pie chart" showed the 85.8% of the budget which is fixed charges and the 14.2% with some flexibility. Line items which have been increased were explained, including a new contract negotiated with the teachers, additional staff of one (1) fourth grade teacher, home economics, industrial arts, music and art teachers to bring the Middle School up to state standards, further development of the Clark and Wilkins school libraries, for a net increase of \$307,713.26. Mrs. Puddington moved that the amount of \$8,500 be added to Account 700 for a fire prevention system and intrusion system for the Clark and Wilkins Schools as recently voted for the town buildings. Seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Don Carper moved that the 1000 Account, student body activities, be increased by \$3,600 to include an interscholastic basketball program for boys and girls at the Middle School. Seconded. Mrs. Harrison noted that there are many other sports besides basketball. The motion was lost.

Mrs. James Jones moved to reduce the 210.3 account to \$8,500 for the fourth grade teacher only, eliminating the additional teachers in the special subject areas. Mrs. Puddington noted that this would be about 34¢ per \$1000 valuation on the tax bills. The motion was lost. The amended article in the amount of \$2,804,453.83 was carried.

Mr. G. W. Brown commended Mrs. Puddington on the outstanding presentation of the budget.

The results of the ballot vote on Article 6 was "yes" 152, "no" 25; the article passed.

Mr. Ray Ainsworth moved adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

SYNOPSIS OF SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

June 15, 1976

A special meeting of the School District of Amherst at the Wilkins School on June 15, 1976 was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Moderator Creeley Buchanan. A total of 343 voters were admitted to the auditorium by checklist supervisors Audrey Spalding, Rosemary Biddle and Robert Wishart. Rev. Arnold Johnson offered a prayer, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Rep. Kenneth Spalding. Mr. Buchanan read Gov. Thomson's proclamation noting the 200th anniversary of the declaration of the independence of the State of New Hampshire, June 15, 1776. He then read the warrant: To see if the district will vote to accept the provisions of the Amended Written Plan of the Amherst-Milford Authorized Enrollment Area on file with the district clerk, providing for termination of the AREA agreement no later than June 30, 1986. Mr. Pomerleau moved adoption of the warrant article and Mr. Stearns seconded the motion. Mrs. Puddington explained that there would be a presentation with opportunities for questions after each section. There would be further questions, and voting by surrendering an identification sticker for a yes/no ballot.

The presentation covered a review of the history of the AREA plan, proposed amendments, and possible alternatives suggested, with projected enrollments and costs, referring to a hand-out and slides. Mr. G. W. Brown called for a rising vote of thanks for Mrs. Puddington who indicated that it was a joint effort of the School Board, the sub-committees, and the administrative staff. Joseph Hoag of the Ways and Means Committee reported that it was in unanimous agreement, recommending a "yes" vote to provide the School Board with options.

Voting began at 9:15 p.m., with the polls remaining open until 9:45 p.m. G. W. Brown, Harding Sortevik, Joseph Hoag, Alan Carlsmith and Erik Brown distributed the ballots. During the voting, Mrs. Puddington announced that Milford had voted in the affirmative, 118-25. There were 339 votes cast in Amherst; the result was 297 "yes", 42 "no". The article passed. A motion to adjourn was seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

LOUISE AINSWORTH, Clerk

OFFICE HOURS of TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen

Town Hall, Monday Evenings, 7:30 p.m.

Selectmen's Secretary

Town Hall: Monday thru Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Town Clerk

Town Hall: Monday thru Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Monday evenings, 7:00 to 9:00

Tax Collector

Town Hall: Monday thru Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Monday evenings, 7:00 to 9:00

Zoning Administrative Official

Town Hall: Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Monday evenings, 7:00 to 9:00

General Information

Town Office Telephones 673-6041 and 673-6048

Town Clerk — Tax Collector

Selectmen — Recreation Director

Zoning Administrator

Fire Chief 673-2934

Road Agent 673-1293

Highway Department 673-2317

Police Department 673-4900

Civil Preparedness 673-4803

Roy Maston

Souhegan Regional Landfill — Rte. 101

Open Tuesday, Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

For Police or any Emergency 673-1414

To Report a Fire 673-3131